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Spain

Real Madrid are champions

REAL MADRID are champions of Spain for the third year in a row, and the fifth time in six seasons. They made sure of their 20th title with a 3-1 home win over Athletic Bilbao.

Challengers Real Sociedad de San Sebastian, leaders for so long, defeated Atletico Madrid 2-0 to finish one point behind.

Real Sociedad had seemed likely to land the title for the first time in their history until losing their penultimate game — 2-1 away to a Sevilla managed by former Madrid boss, Miguel Muñoz.

The Basque club, who will form the basis of Spain's European championship side, had faced much the easier run-in than Madrid. They have the consolation of a 32-game unbeaten record.

ROSSI BANNED AC MILAN DOWN

SUNDAY, May 18 is a day that will go down as one of the blackest in Italian football history — the day that 10 players were suspended for various terms and the day the great A.C. Milan were relegated for the first time . . . because of the match-fix scandal.

The main points to come out of the first of a series of judgments by a special inquiry team set up by the FIGC, the Italian federation, were these:

- *The relegation of Milan, for fixing a 2-1 win against Lazio;*
- *Life suspensions for Milan president Felice Colombo, goalkeeper Ricky Albertosi, and Lazio goalkeeper Massimo Cacciatori;*
- *Lazio to be fined £6,000;*
- *Bans of 10 months on Milan's Giorgio Morini, 18 months on Lazio's Bruno Giordano and Lionello Manfredonia, and four months on Lazio's Maurizio Montesi;*
- *Five-point penalties to be exacted next season on both Perugia and Avellino for their fixed 2-2 draw;*
- *Bans of five years on Perugia's Mauro Della Martira, three years on Perugia's Luciano Zecchini; and a ban of five years on Avellino's Stefano Pellegrini;*
- *Most notable, a ban of three years on Paolo Rossi, the Perugia and Italy centre-forward who scored Perugia's two goals in the game against Avellino.*

The disciplinary commission, which took seven hours to decide on the punishments while 300 chanting fans waited outside, also cleared and lifted temporary suspensions on Stefano Chiodi of Milan, Gianfranco Casarsa of Perugia, Renzo Garlaschelli and Fernando Viola of Lazio, and Avellino players Gianluca de Ponti, Salvatore Di Somma and Cesare Cattaneo.

Appeals may be made against all the decisions, but are unlikely to be heard until after the European Championship finals, and after the judicial proceedings in Rome against 38 people — including 33 players — alleged to have been involved in the betting-bribery-fixing scandal.

The federation acted so swiftly — perhaps too swiftly — to clear the way for national boss Enzo Bearzot to sort out his squad for the European finals, but also as public relations to show they were wasting no time putting their house in order.

The confusion which would arise should the courts *CLEAR* some of those punished by the federation, hardly bears thinking about. There are hard times in store for the federation, particularly while its officials are vulnerable in the continued absence through illness of president Artemio Franchi.

Milan players heard the news immediately after a 2-1 defeat by Australia in Sydney. Acting president Gianni Rivera refused to comment, but if the relegation decision is confirmed then he might have a battle holding on to several of his star players.

The decisions relegated to almost total insignificance the final of the Italian Cup, in which Roma beat Torino 3-2 on penalties after the teams had fought out the typically Italian goalless draw.

In the semi-finals Roma, under Nils Liedholm, had beaten Second Division Ternana, while Torino edged past Juventus . . . on penalties.

Paolo Rossi (right) in action for Italy before ban.

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European Championship preview

KEIR RADNEDGE sets the scene, analyses the teams and traces the history of the competition

THE HISTORY

THE European championship is the world's No 2 international competition after the World Cup.

And it has not slipped the attention of an increasing number of European federations that it could even become THE tournament if UEFA's membership ever grew angry enough at growing third world domination of FIFA, and seceded.

That threat was repeated only recently by UEFA general secretary Hans Bangerter at a symposium in Nürnberg. Yet although the European championship became a practical reality only in 1958, the idea had been bouncing around since 1927.

It was on February 5, 1927, that Henri Delaunay, secretary of the French federation, wrote to FIFA suggesting such a tournament. But FIFA were busy with the forthcoming World Cup.

The European championship had to wait until after the organisation of the European federation, UEFA, in the mid-1950s. Delaunay never saw it. He had died in 1955, two years before the meeting in Cologne which saw plans drawn up for the first tournament, to be held between 1958 and 1960.

The draw took place two days before the World Cup began in Sweden, however, and was totally overshadowed. Only 17 federations, not much more than half UEFA's membership had bothered to submit their £25 entry fee.

A knock-out tournament was set up. Czechoslovakia faced the Republic of Ireland to reduce the field to a manageable 16 and on September 28, 1958, before a 100,000 crowd in Moscow the European Nations' Cup, as it was entitled, got under way.

Russia beat Hungary 3-1 but such was the drawn-out nature of it all that the return wasn't played in Budapest until a year later!

The first hat-trick fell to Thadee Ciswoski of France, in a 7-1 win over Greece and it was the French who gained the honour of staging the first finals — both in recognition of Delaunay and also because the French federation had presented the trophy, a silver copy of a Greek sporting trophy, made in 400 BC, the original of which was in a museum in Athens.

Russia had the easiest path to the semi-finals. In the quarters they'd been drawn against Spain, but though the federations had agreed dates, the Spanish government refused the Russians travel facilities, allowing them a walkover.

In the semi-finals Russia beat Czechoslovakia by a misleading 3-0 — only the brilliance of Lev Yashin saved them in the early stages — while France lost 5-4 against Yugoslavia in the old Parc des Princes before a 26,000 crowd. The game was a nightmare for French goalkeeper Georges Lamia, of Nice. At one stage the French led 3-1, but Lamia went to pieces in the second half and a burst of three goals in three minutes in the late stages turned it upside down.

In the Paris final the Slavs looked capable of going on against the Russians as they had finished against France. But Yashin held them to a single Milan Galic goal by the interval, and Russian right winger Slava Metrevelli pulled back the equaliser early in the second half.

In extra time — the 113th minute, to be exact — Russian spearhead Victor Ponedelnik hit in a Mikhail Meshki cross for the winner.

1960 finals (France): semi finals — Russia 3, Czechoslovakia 0 — Yugoslavia 5, France 4. Third place: Czechoslovakia 2, France 0. — Final: Russia 2 (Metrevelli 49, Ponedelnik 113), Yugoslavia 1 (Galic 41) after extra time. Att: 17,966. Ref: Ellis (England).

Russia: Yashin — Tschekheli, Maslenkin, Kroutikov — Voinov, Netto — Metrevelli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Boubukhin, Meshki.

Yugoslavia: Vidinic — Durkovic, Miladinovic, Jusufi — Zanetic, Perusic — Sekularac, Jerkovic, Galic, Matus, Kostic.

1964

THIS time there were 29 entries, including England, though their interest didn't last long.

Drawn in the first round against France, they were held 1-1 by a brilliant Raymond Kopa at Sheffield in Walter Winterbottom's last match as manager, and thrashed 5-2 in Paris in Alf Ramsey's first.

Again the tournament was run on a knock-out basis, with the Russians facing a couple of tough hurdles in their bid to retain the Henri Delaunay Cup. In the early rounds Italy — at the time Europe's in-form team — went down 2-0 in Russia, having left-winger Pascutti sent off, then saw their hopes of recovery dashed in Rome when a Yashin penalty save against Sandro Mazzola helped the Russians to a 1-1 draw.

In the quarter finals the Russians had to end a Swedish unbeaten run stretching back two years to reach the finals in Spain.

This time there were no governmental problems and the Russians duly reached their second successive final thanks to a painfully awkward 3-0 win over Denmark in Barcelona.

Spain were their opponents, having beaten Hungary 2-1 in Madrid after extra time thanks to a last-ditch goal from the new Real Madrid star winger, Amancio.

In the Madrid final, shrewdly guided by Luis Suarez buoyed by his Champions' Cup success with Italy's Inter-Milan, Spain went ahead through one-time Real Madrid cast-off Jesus Pereda. Khusainov equalised, but five minutes from time Pereda hit in a low cross which centre forward Marcellino swallow-dived into the net for the winner.

1964 finals (Spain): Semi-finals — Russia 3, Denmark 0 — Spain 2, Hungary 1 (aet). Third place: Hungary 3, Denmark 1 (aet).

Final: Spain 2 (Pereda 6, Marcellino 85), Russia 1 (Khusainov 8). Att: 125,000. Ref: Holland (Eng).

Spain: Iribar — Rivilla, Olivella, Calleja — Fuste, Zoco — Amancio, Pereda, Marcellino, Suarez, Lapetra.

Russia: Yashin — Shustikov, Shesternev, Antishin, Mudrik — Voronin, Korneyev — Metrevelli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Khusainov.

NOTE: Details relative to players' caps and national team records correct up to April 30, 1980. Squads are PROBABLE only. The official lists of 40 had to be registered by May 17; the lists of 22 by June 3.

England goalkeeper Ray Clemence makes a desperate dive while Kenny Sansom (3) covers the goal-line in the match against Argentina at Wembley which England won 3-1.

Czechs defend title won in 1976

1980 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS*
(Hosts: Italy)

GROUP ONE
June 11:
(Rome): Czechoslovakia v W. Germany..... (5.45—Michelotti)
(Naples) Greece v Holland ..... (8.30—Prokop)
June 14:
(Naples): W. Germany v Holland ..... (5.45—Wurtz)
(Rome): Czechoslovakia v Greece..... (8.30—Partridge)
June 17:
(Milan): Czechoslovakia v Holland..... (5.45—Hilmi Ok)
(Turin): W. Germany v Greece ..... (8.30—McGinlay)

GROUP TWO
June 12:
(Turin): Belgium v England ..... (5.45—Aldinger)
(Milan): Spain v Italy ..... (8.30—Palotai)
June 15:
(Milan): Spain v Belgium..... (5.45—Corver)
(Turin): Italy v England..... (8.30—Rainea)
June 18:
(Naples): Spain v England ..... (5.45—Linemayr)
(Rome): Italy v Belgium ..... (8.30—Garrido)

THIRD PLACE MATCH
June 21:
(Naples):_____ (8.30—_____)

FINAL:
June 22:
*(Rome):*_____. (8.30—_____)

***In parentheses: kick-off LOCAL TIME, and referees. 5.45 local time = 4.45 GMT. 8.30 local time = 7.30 GMT.**

Match referees: **Alberto Michelotti (Parma, Italy) — Adolf Prokop (Erfurt, E. Germany) — Robert Wurtz (Strasbourg, France) — Pat Partridge (Cockfield, Co. Durham, England) — Hilmi Ok (Istanbul, Turkey) — Brian McGinlay (Glasgow, Scotland) — Heinz Aldinger (Waiblingen, W. Germany) — Karoly Palotai (Gyor, Hungary) — Charles Corver (Voorburg, Holland) — Nicolae Rainea (Birlad, Rumania) — Erich Linemayr (Linz, Austria) — Antonio Garrido (Marinha Grande, Portugal).**

1968

NOW officially re-entitled the European championship — UEFA had originally forgotten that they'd laid claim to the title in the days of their foundation — the competition was a firm part of the calendar.

With 31 entries it was decided to work on the World Cup formula, with preliminary groups played on a home and away basis leading into knock-out quarter finals.

The one real surprise was West Germany's failure — held 0-0 away by Albania, they allowed Yugoslavia to top the group. In the quarter finals holders Spain fell, beaten home and away by England who went into the finals together with hosts Italy, the Yugoslavs and — once again — Russia, who had recovered from a 0-2 quarter final first leg defeat by Hungary.

In Florence England and Yugoslavia battled out their semi-final. Slav midfielder Osim was limping after a foul tackle in only the fourth minute, and after an 81st minute goal from Dragan Dzajic had broken the deadlock, Alan Mullery became the first England player to be sent off in an international when he retaliated against Trivic.

Meanwhile, in Naples, in the other semi-final, Italy "beat" Russia only on the toss of a coin after a 0-0 draw after extra time. Giacinto Facchetti was the captain who got the call right.

In the third place match, goals from Bobby Charlton and Geoff Hurst saw England beat Russia, but the final was nothing like as straightforward.

Italy were without injured Gianni Rivéra and Sandro Mazzola, and the Slavs went ahead when the brilliant Dzajic scored in the 38th minute. It wasn't until the 81st that Angelo Domenghini blasted in a free kick for the equaliser. The Slavs complained that Swiss referee Gottfried Dienst had still been organising their wall when Domenghini shot, but the goal stood. In fact, if Musemic, on the end of the wall, had stood his ground instead of pulling back from the flight of the ball, the Slavs could have saved themselves.

In the replay Italy had Mazzola fit and won with first-half goals from Gigi Riva and Pietro Anastasi — shortly to be transferred as football's first £500,000 player, from Varese to Juventus.

1968 finals (Italy): Semi-finals — Yugoslavia 1, England 0 — Italy 0, Russia 0 (aet — Italy on toss of a coin). Third place: England 2, Russia 0.

Final: Italy 1 (Domenghini 81), Yugoslavia 1 (Dzajic 38).

Replay: Italy 2 (Riva 11, Anastasi 32), Yugoslavia 0. Att: 60,000. Ref: Dienst (Swz).

Italy: Zoff — Burgnich, Guarneri, Facchetti — Rosato, Salvadore — Domenghini, Mazzola, Anastasi, De Sisti, Riva.

Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Fazlagic, Pauhovic, Holcer, Damjanovic — Pavlovic, Trivic — Acimovic, Musemic, Hosic, Dzajic.

1972

AGAIN a record, 32 entries, and again a group system, which produced some odd results. For instance Holland, though they thrashed Luxembourg 6-0 and 8-0, were headed in their mini-league by Yugoslovia.

England got as far as the quarter finals this time, being beaten comprehensively by a West Germany inspired by the creative brilliance of sweeper Franz Beckenbauer and midfield general Günter Netzer.

Despite the injury absences of Overath, Vogts and Weber, the Germans came to Wembley to win 3-1 — Uli Hoeness, Netzer penalty and Gerd Müller were their scorers — and went through to the finals in Belgium thanks to a 0-0 return draw in West Berlin, where England fearfully put up the shutters.

Belgium had reached the last four thanks to a surprising quarter final win over Italy. But they paid a high price, for midfield star Van Moer had his leg broken in a crude tackle by Mario Bertini.

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THE STADIA

ROME — Stadio Olimpico. Capacity 90,000 (60,000 standing). Had its international baptism in May 1953 when the Italians lost 3-0 to Hungary. Had been built with the 1960 Olympics in mind. Also saw the final of the 1968 European championship, the ensuing replay, and the 1977 Champions' Cup Final between Liverpool and Borussia Mg. Used for league games by Roma and Lazio.

MILAN — Stadio Giuseppe Meazza (formerly San Siro). Capacity 80,000. First opened in September 1926 with 30,000 capacity. This was increased to 35,000 in 1936 after the city of Milan acquired it from a property company. In 1954 the stands were enlarged to take capacity up to 85,000, which was slightly reduced a year ago following safety work after lumps of masonry started falling off. Renamed the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza more than 18 months ago, to honour the memory of the great Milanese player of the 1930s. Staged the 1934 World Cup semi-final in which Italy beat Austria and the 1965 (Inter 1 Benfica 0) and 1970 (Feyenoord 2, Celtic 1) Champions' Cup finals. Used for league games by both Milan and Internazionale.

NAPLES — Stadio San Paolo. Capacity 85,000. Took two years to build and was opened by the Napoli-Juventus game in mid-1959. First international was between Italy and Switzerland in 1960. Scotland came to grief there in the 1966 World Cup qualifiers, as did Russia against Italy in the 1968 European championship semi-final. Famous or rather, notorious, for the volatile nature of the Naples fans, it has been closed on more occasions than any other Italian ground because of terrace riots and missile-throwing. Used for league games by Napoli.

TURIN — Stadio Communale. Capacity 71,000. Opened in May 1933. Originally designed for athletics and the 1933 University Games. First international was Italy v. Austria in February 1934, though previous internationals had taken place in Turin in the cycling stadium or the Stadio Torino. It was in the Communale that Italy suffered the famous 4-0 defeat by England in 1948 — also that Italy scored their first-ever win over England, by 2-0 in 1973. Used by Juventus and Torino.

European Championship preview **ITALY**

Embarrassing spotlight

ITALY
(Qual. for finals as hosts)

FOR Italy the spotlight of European football could hardly arrive at a more embarrassing time, exposing the bribes and betting scandal which threatens several of manager Enzo Bearzot's key players with life suspensions.

Juventus' shock home defeat by Arsenal in the Cup-winners' Cup was also an important psychological setback, since the Turin club provide the backbone of the national team and it is in the Stadio Communale that Italy play their most important first round match, against England.

Among the Juve players apparently sure of their place, even so, is goalkeeper Dino Zoff, the only survivor of the 1968 winners. Then Italy needed a replayed final before scraping past Yugoslavia to the title with the team who went on two years later to reach the World Cup Final, losing 4-1 to Brazil in Mexico City.

This time the Italians again have a World Cup link, since the European championship team is basically the one which finished fourth in Argentina, falling away after beating hosts and eventual winners Argentina in a first round game.

Many fans and newspapers have called for the introduction of younger players, such as centre forward Sandro Altobelli of Inter, the new champions. But Bearzot has so far resisted such calls, though the absence of suspended Paolo Rossi — facing trial in the bribes case — may force his hand. The only newcomers at the moment are Milan stopper Fulvio Collovati and Inter midfielder Gabriele Oriali, who's been around quite a while anyway.

England and Italy have met on 13 occasions with the Italians winning three and losing six. But it was Italy who put England out of the last World Cup qualifiers, winning 2-0 in Rome thanks to Roberto.

Bettega's brilliant diving header, then losing 2-0 at Wembley, but going to Argentina on superior group goal difference.

NT all-time record from 1910:
358 191-87-80 701-444.

Manager: ENZO BEARZOT

Lionised by the English Press for his attempt to lead Italian football out of its sterile defensive orientation — not that, judging by Juventus' performance at home against Arsenal, his work has really sunk in.

Aged 53, was a wing-half in the 1950s with Internazionale and Torino, playing only once for the national team, at right half against Hungary in Budapest in 1955. His duty was to mark Ferenc Puskas, but Italy lost 2-0, Puskas scored one of the goals, and Bearzot was dropped.

After retiring in 1963 he qualified as a coach but never landed a senior club post before being summoned in the summer of 1975 to help Fulvio Bernardini rebuild the morale of the national team, which had disappeared during the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

Bernardini gradually gave Bearzot more and more responsibility and it was no surprise when he took over official full command in the summer of 1977 — in fact he'd been taking all the major decisions for some time with the ageing Bernardini the public relations figurehead.

Yet even Bearzot has occasionally been trapped by his schooling — notably the decision against Holland in the 1978 World Cup to substitute Franco Causio when Italy led 1-0 at half-time against Holland. Victory would have put Italy in the final. But when Holland scored twice Italy lacked the attacking verve to save themselves. A rare — but costly — Blunder.

Even so, Bearzot's work has probably been appreciated more abroad than at home.

After one friendly earlier this season he remarked wearily on reading the papers: "It seems we can please everyone but the Italians."

Record in charge:
With Bernardini — 16 11-2-3 34-16
In sole command — 27 15-5-7 40-27

PLAYERS TO WATCH

DINO ZOFF — Now 38 and with more caps than any other Italian player save Giacinto Facchetti, who retired in 1978 with 94. Has captained Italy more than 300 times and is the only survivor of the 1968 winners. Heavily criticised after being beaten three times in two games from long range in the 1978 World Cup Finals. Born and brought up in the Venice region, Zoff joined Juventus eight years ago from Napoli for £400,000.

GIANCARLO ANTOGNONI — The Fiorentina skipper has been enjoying this season probably the most consistent good form of his controversial career. He puts the fact down to the stability of marriage on his life. Antognoni cost Fiorentina £350,000 from third division Astimacombi at 18 and has been a regular both for club and country — though he's not always produced the goods for Italy. Devastating long-range shot and dangerous at free kicks.

ROBERTO BETTEGA — If "Bobby-goal" had taken the doctors' advice eight years ago he wouldn't be here, he'd have retired because of a lung complaint. Bettega — recently involved in controversy over his Highbury felling of David O'Leary — is one of the very few Juventus players to have been a fan on the terraces when a boy. Dangerous in the air, with a fine touch on the ground despite his awkward build. Scored the goal which killed off England in Rome's World Cup qualifier in 1976 and also the goal which provided Argentina's only defeat of the 1978 World Cup Finals.

THE HISTORY

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In Antwerp, in the semi-finals, the Belgians went down 2-1 to West Germany in a match televised live, which accounted for the meagre gate of 1,659 who saw Russia edge past Hungary in Brussels.

A few weeks before the Germans had beaten the Russians 4-1 — all the goals coming from Müller — to open the Munich Olympic stadium. Now they repeated the medicine. The score this time was 3-0, with Müller getting two more, sandwiching a goal from Herbert Wimmer. The Germans had clearly been Europe's finest team, and well deserved the title.

1972 finals (Belgium): Semi-finals — Belgium 1, W. Germany 2 — Russia 1, Hungary 0. Third place: Belgium 2, Hungary 1.

Final: W. Germany 3 (Müller 25, 57, Wimmer 52), Russia 0. Att: 50,000. Ref: Marschall (Aus).

W. Germany: Maier — Hottges, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner — Wimmer, Netzer, Höness — Heynckes, G. Müller, Kremers.

Russia: Rudakov — Dzodzuashvili, Khurtsilava, Kaplichni, Istomin — Konkov (Dolmatov), Troshkin, Kolotov, Baidachni, Banishevsy (Kozinkevitch), Onishenko.

1976

THE most remarkable tournament of all, reaching a fairytale grand climax with four finals games which all needed extra time.

The shocks started in the groups. Don Revie saw England win their first game under his command, 3-0 against Czechoslovakia. And yet it was the Czechs — after the return in Bratislava had been abandoned because of fog once — who topped the group.

Elsewhere Holland just edged out Poland in a group which saw Italy struggling, and West Germany had to accept two draws with Greece and another with Bulgaria on their way into the last eight. They finished up — as they have this time — with an 8-0 thrashing of Malta.

In the quarter finals Holland underlined their strength with a 5-0 defeat of Belgium in which, ironically, Rob Rensenbrink hit a hat-trick. Rensenbrink was playing at the time for Anderlecht, the Belgian club side.

A Russian team including nine men from Dynamo Kiev were no match for the resilient Czechs and goalkeeper Ivo Viktor, while Yugoslavia beat Wales 2-0, 1-1 but only after a running battle in the Cardiff return game.

That earned the Slavs the right to stage the finals — yet in front of their own fans they couldn't win a game, though twice they came so close.

In their semi-final they were 2-0 up in 32 minutes against the German holders before a Dieter Müller debut hat-trick left them 4-2 losers in extra time; and in the third place match they hit back from 2-0 down against Holland to force extra time, only to be beaten finally by a 108th-minute goal from Ruud Geels.

In the semis the Dutch had fallen foul of the Czechs, almost literally. After Anton Ondrus put the Czechoslovaks ahead, they had Jaroslav Pollak sent off by referee Clive Thomas for a foul on Johan Neeskens, and then saw Ondrus put through his own goal for the Dutch equaliser.

In extra time however, the balance of power changed again. Neeskens was sent off for fouling Zdenek Nehoda who then put the Czechs in front with a goal which so angered Wim Van Hanegem that the burly midfielder became the third man to be sent off — in his case for dissent. Vesely then made it 3-1 for the Czechs.

For the Belgrade final manager Vaclav Jezek included Pavel Svehlik in place of the suspended Pollak, and it was Svehlik who put the Czechs ahead in the eighth minute. Karol Dobias smashed in another after seizing on a headed clearance from Beckenbauer — playing his 100th international.

The Germans, as befitted worthy holders, fought back. In the 32nd minute Dieter Müller made it 1-2, but with Viktor brilliant in goal it wasn't until the 89th minute that Bernd Hölzenbein equalised, heading in a Bonhof corner.

There were no further goals in extra time, so the match went to penalties. At 4-4 Uli Hoeness shot high and wide, Antonin Panenka deftly beat Sepp Maier, and Czechoslovakia were the new kings of Europe.

1976 finals (Yugoslavia): Czechoslovakia 3, Holland 1 (aet) — Yugoslavia 2, West Germany 4 (aet). Third place: Yugoslavia 2, Holland 3 (aet).

Final: Czechoslovakia 2 (Svehlik 8, Dobias 25), West Germany 2 (D. Müller 32, Hölzenbein 89) (aet). Czech. 5-4 on penalties.

Czechoslovakia: Viktor — Pivarnik, Ondrus, Capkovic, Gögh — Dobias, Panenka, Moder — Svehlik (Jurkemik), Masny, Nehoda.

W. Germany: Maier — Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Dietz — Wimmer, Beer (Bongartz), Bonhof — Hoeness, Muller, Hölzenbein.

1980

THE present tournament is the first with enlarged finals.

Up to now the finals have always comprised knock-out semi-finals, third place match and final. This time there are eight finalists (seven qualified, plus hosts) who will play in two mini-leagues.

Group winners play in the final, runners-up in the third place match.

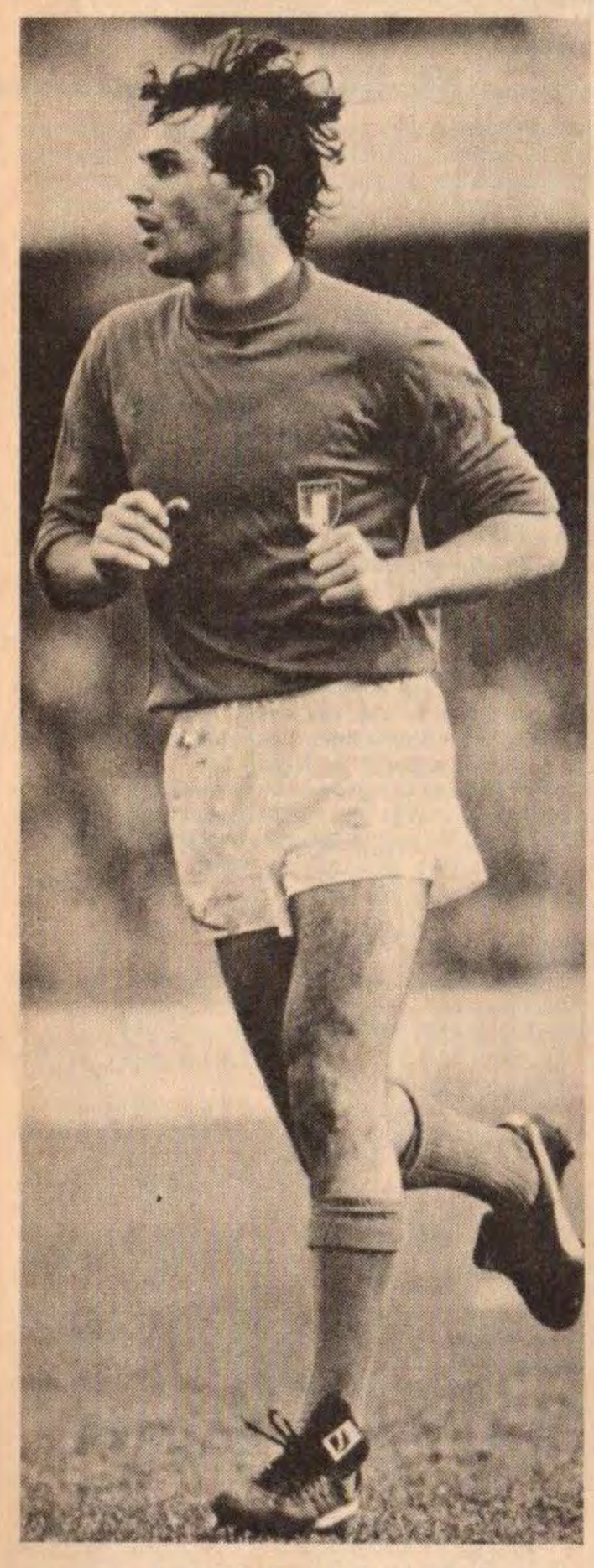
This alteration meant that several of the qualifying groups were larger than was usual in the past. England, for example, qualified from a five-team group. So did Belgium. So did Holland. Spain, Greece, Czechoslovakia

and West Germany emerged from four-team groups.

England, Belgium and West Germany were all unbeaten in their groups, but Holland struggled to qualify and Greece might be considered fortunate that they caught both Russia and Hungary at such a low ebb.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age (intl goals)	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
DINO ZOFF	Juventus	38	80
IVANO BORDON	Inter	29	5
GIOVANNI GALLI	Fiorentina	22	0
Defenders:			
CLAUDIO GENTILE	Juventus	26	35 (1)
ANTONIO CABRINI	Juventus	22	17 (1)
FULVIO COLLOVATI	Milan	23	8 (2)
ALDO MALDERA	Milan	26	10
GAETANO SCIREA	Juventus	27	28 (1)
FRANCO BARESI	Milan	20	0
GIUSEPPE BARESI	Inter	22	1
MAURO BELLUGI	Napoli	30	32
Midfield:			
GABRIELE ORIALI	Inter	27	9 (1)
GIANCARLO ANTOGNONI	Fiorentina	26	43 (6)
MARCO TARDELLI	Juventus	25	36 (3)
FRANCO CAUSIO	Juventus	31	51 (6)
RUBEN BURIANI	Milan	25	2
RENATO ZACCARELLI	Torino	29	23 (2)
ROMEO BENETTI	Roma	34	51 (2)
Attack:			
ROBERTO BETTEGA	Juventus	29	30 (17)
FRANCESCO GRAZIANI	Torino	27	34 (15)
SANDRO ALTOBELLI	Inter	24	0
ROBERTO PRUZZO	Roma	25	1



Antonio Cabrini of Italy.

FIRST TIME APPEARANCE FOR GREEKS

BREAKING new ground, for this is the first time Greece have qualified for the finals of a major competition.

Until now their only claim to glory had been Panathinaikos of Athens's one-off appearance in the 1971 Champions' Cup Final, when they lost 2-0 to Ajax at Wembley.

This has been a momentous season for Greek football. Not only have they finished ahead of Hungary, Russia and Finland in their qualifying group, but in the past year they have also launched full-time professionalism, despite several players' strikes.

And that has prompted a demand for success by club officials and fans which bodes ill for the members of the national team should they come home having been beaten out of sight in Italy. Half the managers who began the season in charge in the first division have been sacked and in that situation it's remarkable that Altekas Panagulias, 45, has managed to stay so long in control of the national side.

But it hasn't been easy for him to survive. Recent defeats by France (5-1), Switzerland (2-0) and East Germany (2-0) have affected morale and key midfielder Giorgios Delikaris will probably miss the finals because of a club suspension following his pay dispute at Panathinaikos.

Few of Greece's rivals expect them to provide many problems.

Their chances of reaching the second stage and facing England appear remote in the extreme. and in fact the countries' international contact has always been minimal. They have played twice only — England winning 3-0 and 2-0 in 1971 in the European qualifiers.

NT all-time record from 1920:
157 41-42-84 200-333

Manager: ALTEKAS PANAGULIAS

Played centre half for Aris Salonika from 1954 to 1962 and meanwhile also gained a degree in economics which took him out of football and off to work in New York and England before he returned to his first love.

Became assistant national manager to Billy Bingham in 1969 for a year and was appointed his successor in 1973. He's stayed in the job ever since, apart from a season's break in 1976-77 when he went into club management for a year with Aris.

Panagulias — his first name was that of one of Alexander the Great's generals! — was one of the few people who thought Greece could qualify for Italy, recognising the quality of some of the younger players coming through.

Panagulias has had problems this year however with injuries, and was at one stage seriously considering recalling the veteran schemer Mimis Domazos. Not afraid to discipline his men, even sending home top scorer Tomas Mavros before the vital tie against Russia — which Greece nevertheless won, 1-0.

Record in charge: 39 12-10-17 53-70.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

TOMAS MAVROX — An infant prodigy, particularly by Greek football standards. Made his league debut with Panionios at 16 and his first appearance in the national team at 17. Moved to AEK in 1976 and has since won the championship twice and the Cup once. At first a dangerous raiding left-winger, now a central striker. Last season was runner-up with 31 goals to Kees Kist (34) in the Golden Boot competition for Europe's top league scorer. Has recently finished his military service and is thus free to consider a move abroad. Leeds spied on him earlier this past season.

GREECE

NIKOS ANASTOPOULOS — Promising outside right from Panionios who looks like following in Mavros's footsteps. Likes moving into the centre to cause trouble and so impressed officials of Twente Enschede after a Cup-winners' Cup tie earlier this season that they immediately tried to buy him. Has been watched by clubs from Italy and West Germany. His contract ends next month and it's unlikely Panionios will be able to keep him.

ELIAS GALAKOS — Nicknamed 'Maik' or 'Mike'. Made his name as a youngster playing in West Germany with Fortuna Düsseldorf, but was a flop when Olympiakos Piraeus paid a big fee to take him home in 1973. National service didn't help and he spent two years as a reserve before returning with a bang in the 1975-76 season. Injuries gave him the chance to play — and score a hat-trick — in a cup semi-final, and soon he was in the national team. Nearly joined Nürnberg last summer but Olympiakos didn't really want to release him and after protracted negotiations the deal fell through.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
VASSILOU KONSTANTINOU	Panathinaikos	32	22
LEFTERIS PUPAKIS	Iraklis	32	3
NIKOS MUKEAS	Ethnikos	24	1
Defenders:			
KOSTAS IOSSIFIDIS	PAOK Salonika	28	34
JANNIS GOUNARIS	PACK	28	12
ANTHIMOS KAPSIS	Panathinaikos	30	21
GEORGIOS FIROS	Aris Salonika	27	37
JANNIS KYRASTAS	Olympiakos Piraeus	27	31
PETROS RAVOUSSIS	AEK Athens	27	18
CHARALAMBOS XANTOPOULOS	Iraklis	24	5
Midfield:			
CHRISTOS TERSANIDIS	Panathinaikos	35	25
SPYROS LIVANTHINOS	Panathinaikos	27	8
JANNIS DAMANAKIS	PAOK	28	16
KOSTAS KOUIS	Aris	25	4
ANGELOS ANASTASIADIS	PAOK	27	11
DEMETRIO NIKOLOUDIS	Olympiakos	29	17
Attack:			
CHRISTOS ARDIZOGLOU	AEK	26	20
TOMAS MAVROS	AEK	26	24
GEORGIOS KOSTIKOS	PAOK	28	5
NIKOS ANASTOPOULOS	Panionios	23	5
CHRISTOS YFANTIDIS	Panathinaikos	27	6
ELIAS 'MIKE' GALAKOS	Olympiakos	28	21

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group Six

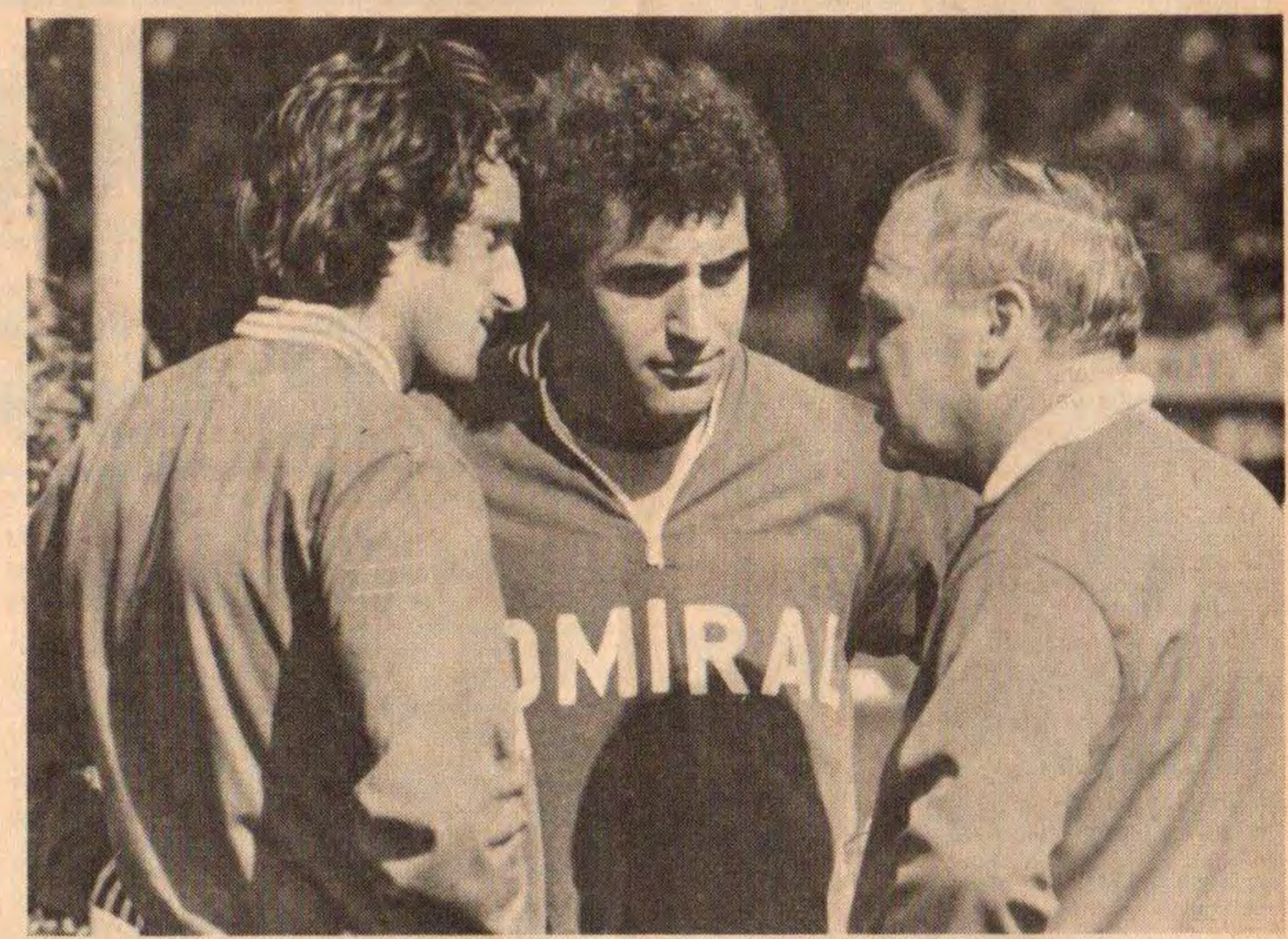
0-3 a v Finland
0-2 a v Russia
8-1 h v Finland — Mavros 4, Delikaris 2, Nikoloudis, Galakos
4-1 h v Hungary — Galakos 2, Ardizoglou, Mavros
0-0 a v Hungary
1-0 h v Russia — Nikoloudis

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	6	3	1	2	13	7	7
Hungary	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Finland	6	2	2	2	10	15	6
Russia	6	1	3	2	7	8	5

European Championship preview

ENGLAND

SKILL AND HOPE



England manager Ron Greenwood (right) talks to his top two goalkeepers Peter Shilton (centre) and Ray Clemence.

ENGLAND'S upward spiral in the three-year reign of Ron Greenwood has been one of the outstanding features of European international football.

It hasn't been just the results — two defeats in his first two dozen games — but the manner in which the team have played.

Greenwood's insistence on skill has been supported by the breakthrough of a new generation of young players featuring outstanding attackers in — apart from Kevin Keegan — the skilful and quick Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis.

Indeed Francis had so rapidly established himself in the England squad since his move to Nottingham Forest less than 18 months ago, that he had promised to make a major impact in Italy.

Had promised, that is, because a tendon injury suffered in one of the closing league games may well prevent him taking his place in the England team — a major relief for Italy, Spain and Belgium, who all feared his vast natural talents.

This is, in fact, the first time England have qualified for a major tournament finals since 1968 when they reached the European semi-finals, also in Italy.

Then they lost 1-0 in the semis to Yugoslavia — having Alan Mullery sent off — and beat Russia in the third place match. As 1966 World Cup winners they qualified automatically for the 1970 World Cup and, once stripped of their crown, failed in both 1974 and 1978 to go beyond the preliminaries.

Now that they're back challenging for honours, England are clearly among the European favourites along with Italy and West Germany.

NT all-time record from 1872:
535 319-111-107 1,379-631

Manager, RON GREENWOOD

Called in as emergency replacement for Don Revie in the summer of 1977. Confirmed in the job after England's brilliant renaissance in the autumn which culminated in the 2-0 Wembley defeat of Italy.

Greenwood, 57, was born in Burnley and was a cool, thoughtful centre half with Chelsea, Brentford and Fulham in the early 1950s before turning to coaching.

Hugely impressed and influenced by the 1953 Hungarians, he coached at Oxford University and Walthamstow Avenue before entering the League as assistant manager at Arsenal. While there he held in turn the roles of England youth manager, then Under-23 boss.

Finally, in 1961, he became manager of West Ham, remaining for 13 years until becoming general manager and handing over full team control to John Lyall.

Greenwood was on the short list for the England job both in 1962 (after Walter Winterbottom) and 1974 (after Sir Alf Ramsey) but his comparative lack of success at West Ham — they won the Cup in 1964 and the Cup-winners' Cup the following year — probably told against him.

A brilliant academic of football, his wide interest in the game as a whole and insistence on style and skill proved ideal qualifications for the England managership.

Record in charge: 24 17-5-2 48-15.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

KEVIN KEEGAN — Twice in a row the European Footballer of the Year, and about to leave Hamburg to play for Southampton. Cost the Germans £500,000 when they signed him three years ago, immediately after Liverpool's Champions' Cup win over Borussia Mg. Before that cost Liverpool just £30,000 from Scunthorpe. England team captain.

TONY WOODCOCK — Very nearly given away by Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough before he established himself in the team who won promotion from the Second Division, the League, then the Champions' Cup. Moved in midseason for a West German record £650,000 to 1st FC Köln. Soon became popular and can now charge up to £1,500 for an "autograph hour" — a similar rate to Bayern Munich's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

TREVOR BROOKING — One-club man with West Ham, and a veteran of their 1975 FA Cup win as well as a vital part of the 1979-80 run to Wembley. Has had a few niggling injuries this season. Rated more highly on the continent than in England where perhaps his apparent lack of physical pace (no doubting his mental agility) makes him stand out amid some of the 100 miles per hour matches.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
RAY CLEMENCE	Liverpool	31	46
PETER SHILTON	Nottm Forest	30	30
JOE CORRIGAN	Man City	30	3
Defenders:			
PHIL NEAL	Liverpool	28	23
PHIL THOMPSON	Liverpool	25	19
DAVE WATSON	Southampton	33	49
MICK MILLS	Ipswich	30	29
EMLYN HUGHES	Wolves	32	60
KEN SANSOM	C Palace	21	3
TREVOR CHERRY	Leeds	31	21
Midfield:			
STEVE COPPELL	Man Utd	24	20
RAY WILKINS	Man Utd	23	28
TREVOR BROOKING	West Ham	31	34
RAY KENNEDY	Liverpool	28	13
TERRY McDERMOTT	Liverpool	28	9
GLENN HODDLE	Tottenham	22	1
Attack:			
KEVIN KEEGAN	Hamburg	28	51
GARRY BIRTLES	Nottm Forest	22	1
TONY WOODCOCK	Köln	23	9
LAURIE CUNNINGHAM	Real Madrid	23	5
DAVID JOHNSON	Liverpool	28	4
PETER BARNES	West Bromwich	23	15

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group One

4-3 a v Denmark — Keegan 2, Latchford, Neal
1-1 h v Rep. Ireland — Latchford
4-0 a v N Ireland — Latchford 2, Keegan, Watson
3-0 a v Bulgaria — Keegan, Watson, Barnes
1-0 h v Denmark — Keegan
5-1 a v N Ireland — Woodcock 2, Francis 2, Nicholl own goal
2-0 h v Bulgaria — Watson, Hoddle
2-0 h v Rep. Ireland — Keegan 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	8	7	1	0	22	5	15
N Ireland	8	4	1	3	10	13	9
Rep Ireland	8	2	3	3	9	6	7
Bulgaria	8	2	1	5	6	14	5
Denmark	8	1	2	5	13	17	4

BELGIUM

OUTSIDERS but, remembering their important 3-1 win over Scotland at Hampden, it would be a mistake to ignore their potential for an upset.

This is the first time Belgium have appeared in major finals since 1972 when they staged the finals of the European tournament and finished third, losing to West Germany in the semi-finals then beating Hungary in the losers' play-off.

Long-time manager Raymond Goethals is now working in France and it is under little-known Guy Thys that Belgium have reached Italy, with a team based on experience in defence and midfield and bright newcomers in attack.

Thys's problems are peculiar to Belgium. His job is that of a tightrope walker, having to keep both Walloon and Flemish communities happy. Despite a shaky start in the qualifiers, Thys managed just that thanks to the recall of veteran Wilfried Van Moer. But failure could well have seen Thys ousted. More than a few people in the corridors of power were becoming impatient — until, that is, Belgium finished undefeated on top of the group.

As Ron Greenwood has seen for himself. Belgium depend heavily on Van Moer to organise them, despite the goal-scoring potential of Van der Elst and Van den Bergh up front.

England and Belgium have met 16 times, Belgium winning one and losing 12. The last meeting was England's 3-1 win in Brussels in February, 1970.

NT all-time record from 1904:
398 150-75-173 730-804

Manager: GUY THYS.

Took over in mid-1977 from Raymond Goethals with the intention of rebuilding the national team on the youngsters who had just proved their worth in winning the UEFA youth tournament, beating Bulgaria in the Brussels final.

Already the fruits of his work are clearly bearing fruit in the successful development of young strikers Ceulemans and Van den Bergh.

Thys, 58, made his name as a forward during his career with Beerschot where, in the 1950s, he formed a lively partnership with the more famous Rik Coppens. Later he trained Antwerp, Beveren, Union St Gilloise and Brugge.

Bases his team mainly on the Flemish community, because "their players always seem more prepared to battle it out." He also thinks, however, that there are too many foreigners allowed in Belgian football and that the lax qualification rules have stifled the nation's talent — particularly among forwards.

Record in charge: 19 9-5-5 26-13.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

WILFRIED VAN MOER — One-time Standard Liege midfielder now with Beringen, and who

Repeat win unlikely

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

HOLDERS' manager Josef Venglos isn't finding life easy. Although half a dozen survivors remain from the side who edged out West Germany on penalties four years ago, recent results suggest they may now be too old for a repeat.

Venglos was extremely critical of his men after the recent 2-0 defeat by Switzerland and it was clear from his comments about his goalkeepers that he is concerned about the failure to replace Ivo Viktor, the Dukla man whose confidence-inspiring form in 1976 was central to the victories over Holland and the Germans.

Viktor has long since retired and with Anton Ondrus on the way out, it looks as if the defence is falling apart.

Nevertheless the Czechoslovaks, World Cup runners-up to Italy in 1934 and to Brazil in 1962, are used to the role of outsiders. And they demonstrated their potential against England in November 1978. On an icy Wembley pitch they kept their feet remarkably to lose most unjustly 1-0 to an own goal.

Had it not been for the brilliance of Peter Shilton, England would have been 3-0 down by half-time, condemned by the deft skills of Dukla centre forward Zdenek Nehoda and Slovan Bratislava's Marian Masny.

But this season Dukla, last season's champions, have struggled in mid-table and it is ominous that it is to the army club that Venglos looks for his nucleus.

England and Czechoslovakia have met nine times, the Czechs winning twice and losing five. In the 1976 European qualifiers. England opened their programme by beating the Czechs 3-0 at Wembley in Don Revie's first match. but it was the Czechs who not only qualified but went on to win the title!

NT all-time record from 1920:
374 176-77-121 752-547

Manager: Dr JOSEF VENGLOS

Had been assistant for several years to Vaclav Jezek, helping plot the 1976 European championship win, before being promoted following Jezek's departure to Feyenoord in 1978.

Venglos, 52, a high school sports lecturer from Bratislava, where he still lives, was a regular wing half for many years with the local club Slovan, whom he later coached.

His coaching career also took him to Australia for several years, where he was for a while national manager (gaining his excellent command of English).

After the 1978 World Cup qualifying flop he found the national team in a poor state, but has managed to rebuild quickly on the base of senior men such as Ondrus and Nehoda. His one major problem is the lack of an established goalkeeper.

Zdenek Hruska was hurt during January's winter break tour of Australia and probably won't be ready for the trip to Italy. Keketi had an awful time in the recent 2-0 defeat by Switzerland, which leaves Venglos hoping that Netolicka finally shows the sort of consistency the defence needs to withstand the likely buffetings from West Germany and Holland.

Record in charge: 19 10-2-7 43-23.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

ANTON ONDRUS — Big Slovan sweeper who follows in the tradition of tough, immovable Czechoslovak defenders. Not even a car crash 18 months ago could keep him out for long and on another occasion he managed to resist a permanent transfer to provincial Dukla Banska Bystrica which had been "suggested" while he undertook his national service. Captain of the 1976 European winners, he has been told he can negotiate a transfer to the West after the finals as a reward for his loyal service.

ANTONIN PANENKA — Earned his place in football history when he coolly deceived Sepp Maier with the penalty which won the 1976 title for the Czechs. Lanky Panenka has never, however, been a national team fixture. Despite his guile he has been criticised as inconsistent. Nevertheless he has a more than useful long range shot and is notable for rising to the big occasion.

ZDENEK NEHODA — The centre forward, though a wanderer, rather than an out-and-out hammer. Nehoda, training to be a lawyer, is one of the few current players to have topped 100 league goals and has been named Footballer of the Year for the last two seasons. Set to overtake Karol Dobias as the most-capped current player, something he could achieve in Italy. Has been hampered this season by injury.

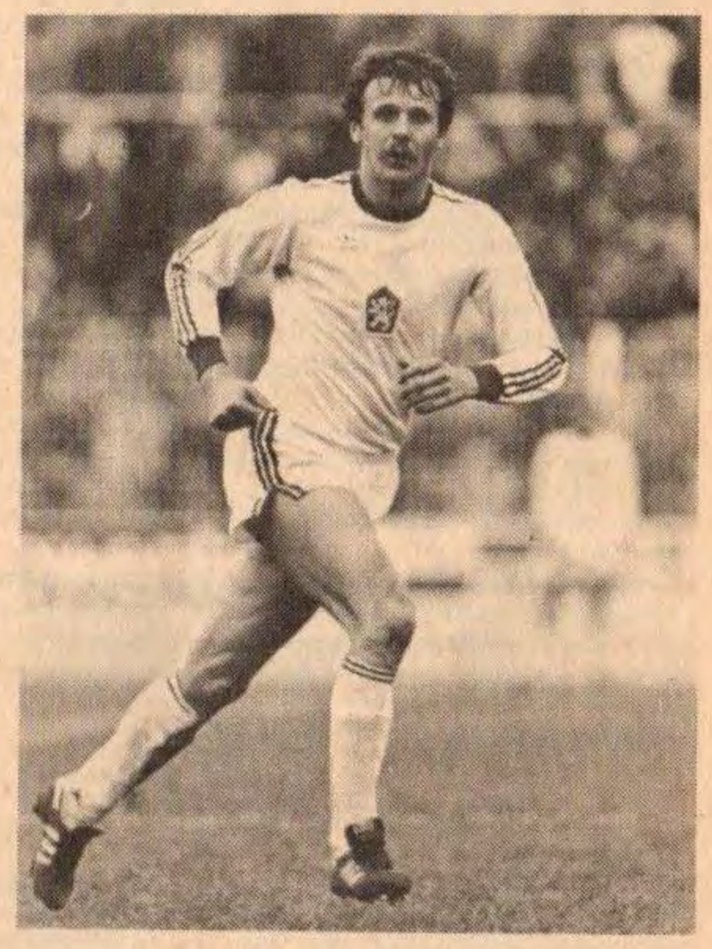
PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
DUSAN KEKETI	Trnava	29	7
STANISLAV SEMEN	Lok Kosice	28	0
JAROSLAV NETOLICKA	Dukla Prague	29	9
Defenders:			
JOSEF BARMOS	Inter Bratislava	26	22
KAREL DOBIAS	Bohemians Prage	33	65
ANTON ONDRUS	Slovan Bratislava	30	49
ROSTISLAV VOJACEK	Banik	31	15
JAN FIALA	Dukla	24	9
KOLOMAN GöGH	Slovan	32	43
LADISLAV JURKEMIK	Inter B.	27	26
Midfield:			
JAN KOZAK	Lok Kosice	26	22
ANTONIN PANENKA	Bohemians	32	38
JAROSLAV POLLAK	Sparta	33	49
FRANTISEK STAMBACHR	Dukla	27	14
JAN BERGER	Dukla	24	1
MIROSLAV GAJDUSEK	Dukla	29	41
Attack:			
MARIAN MASNY	Slovan	30	50
ZDENEK NEHODA	Dukla	28	61
STANISLAV STRAPEK	Lok Kosice	27	1
PETR JANECKA	Zbr. Brno	23	3
LADISLAV VIZEK	Dukla	25	9
KAREL KROUPA	Zbr. Brno	30	22

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group Five

3-1 a v Sweden — Masny 2, Nehoda
2-0 h v France — Nehoda, Stambachr
3-0 a v Luxembourg — Masny, Gajdusek, Stambachr
4-1 h v Sweden — Nehoda, Kozak, Vizek 2
1-2 a v France — Kozak
4-0 h v Luxembourg — Panenka, Masny 2, Vizek

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	6	5	0	1	17	4	10
France	6	4	1	1	13	7	9
Sweden	6	1	2	3	10	13	4
Luxembourg	6	0	1	5	2	17	1



Jan Kozak of Czechoslovakia.

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thought his international days were long past. Van Moer lost nearly two years out of his career almost 10 years ago when he broke a leg playing against Italy, in a tackle by Mario Bertini. However Guy Thys gambled that his experience and organisational ability would pay off despite his lack of stamina. The decision probably saved Thys his job.

FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST — One of Europe's liveliest forwards, scored two goals for Anderlecht in their 1976 Cup-winners' Cup triumph against West Ham, but was also to be found around that time playing with as much success in midfield or even at right back. His loyalty to Anderlecht was such that he even had his house painted mauve and white, the club colours, but now he is about to begin a new adventure with New York Cosmos. On the recommendation of new boss Hennes Weisweiler, Cosmos offered Anderlecht £500,000 for Van der Elst and they were so keen to accept they very nearly forgot to insist on Van der Elst's release to play in Italy!

ERWIN VAN DEN BERGH — One of Europe's most promising centre forwards. Scorer at the time of writing of 51 goals in as many games, he is the leading contender for the Adidas-sponsored Golden Boot competition. First made his name in Belgium's youth tournament success in 1977. It's hard to imagine that he'll remain for long with little Lierse.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
THEO CUSTERS	Antwerp	30	7
MICHEL PREUD'HOMME	Standard Liege	21	1
JEAN-MARIE PFAFF	Beveren	26	13
Defenders:			
ERIC GERETS	Standard	26	22
MAURICE MARTENS	RWD Molenbeek	33	25
LUC MILLECAMPS	Waregem	29	8
MICHEL RENQUIN	Standard	25	19
WALTER MEEUWS	Brugge	29	18
PHILIPPE GAROT	Standard	32	2
GERARD PLESSERS	Standard	22	4
Midfield:			
JULIEN COOLS	Beerschot	33	30
WILFRIED VAN MOER	Beringen	35	41
RENE VAN DER EYCKEN	Brugge	27	20
JAN VERHEYEN	Lokeren	29	13
LUDO COECK	Anderlecht	24	18
FRANKIE VERCAUTEREN	Anderlecht	23	9
Attack:			
FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST	Anderlecht/ Cosmos	26	29
ERWIN VAN DEN BERGH	Lierse	21	4
JAN CEULEMANS	Brugge	23	13
EDDY VOORDECKERS	Standard	20	5
GUY DARDENNE	Lokeren	26	10
ALBERT CLUYTENS	Beveren	24	9

Jan Ceulemans of Belgium.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group Two

1-1 h v Norway — Cools
1-1 a v Portugal — Vercauteren
1-1 h v Austria — Vandereycken
0-0 a v Austria
2-1 a v Norway — Janssens, Van der Elst
2-0 h v Portugal — Van Moer, Van der Elst
2-0 h v Scotland — Van der Elst, Voordeckers
3-1 a v Scotland — Van den Bergh, Van der Elst 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	4	4	0	12	5	12
Austria	8	4	3	1	14	7	11
Portugal	8	4	1	3	10	11	9
Scotland	8	3	1	4	15	13	7
Norway	8	0	1	7	5	20	1

European Championship preview **HOLLAND**

Exodus to America is a headache

NOT a lot has gone right for Holland's total footballers or manager Jan Zwartkruis since the 3-1 World Cup final defeat by Argentina in the River Plate Stadium in 1978.

Zwartkruis reassumed the reins from Ernst Happel then, but has had to grapple with the fading standard of Dutch football, a problem exacerbated by the stampede for the rich pickings in the North American Soccer League.

Johan Neeskens (last summer) and Wim Jansen (this spring) — not to mention Johan Cruyff — have all deserted the national team for the NASL, and, on top of that, Ajax forward Tscheu La Ling who gave Nottingham Forest some anxious moments recently, was suspended for European matches by UEFA after his expulsion in the all-important qualifier against East Germany.

That was a remarkable game, in Leipzig. Not only did Holland have a man sent off but they quickly went 2-0 down in a game they had to draw to qualify and the Germans needed to win. It was the Ipswich midfielder Frans Thijssen, recalled for the first time after three years, who struck the first goal for the Dutchmen who eventually won 3-2.

In the last European finals, in Yugoslavia, Holland finished third, having been beaten 3-1 by eventual winners Czechoslovakia in extra time in the semi-finals. That's one defeat to avenge in Italy.

But there is bound to be tremendous ambition to succeed at least against West Germany. The teams' most famous meeting was the Germans' 2-1 World Cup final win in 1974. In the 1978 World Cup, the teams drew 2-2 and in a friendly 18 months ago, the Germans won 3-1. The Dutch say it's their turn now for in eight games since the war against the Germans they have won only once — by 2-1 in Düsseldorf in 1956.

Holland and England could meet each other in the final or third place game. They've played each other six times — Holland winning one and losing three. The last meeting was at Wembley in February 1977 when Holland scored a brilliant 2-0 win. Two-goal hero Jan Peters may now, however, be lost to football after further knee trouble.

NT all-time record from 1905:
380 172-77-131 828-645.

Manager: JAN ZWARTKRUIS

An air force colonel now in his second stint as national team manager.

Aged 55 Zwartkruis was first called on in emergency after the resignation of Georg Knobel following the 1976 European championships, when Holland finished third.

He had been manager of the Dutch military team and was seconded to launch the World Cup qualifying campaign. Zwartkruis remained for a year in command before Ernst Happel was appointed in the summer of 1977.

But since Happel was also boss of Brugge in Belgium, Zwartkruis continued working closely with the national team and it was no surprise when he was formally — and properly — appointed boss after Argentina.

Ideally, Zwartkruis admits, he would have liked many more warm-up games for Italy — particularly after the expulsion and three-game suspension for Tscheu La Ling which eliminates him from the finals.

Record in charge: 19 10-4-4 33-16.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

RUDI KROL — Captain and sweeper and about to join Vancouver Whitecaps, champions of the NASL — though unlike many exiles, he hopes to continue his international career. Krol was a sweeper when signed as a teenager for Ajax and it was Rinus Michels who converted him to left back, where he first made his name. Played in the 1972 and 1973 Champions' Cup wins, missing 1971 because of a leg break shortly before the final. Only Dutch player to have appeared in all the World Cup and European championship games of the 1970s. Considered by Brazilian expert Joao Saldanna as one of the world's five best players.

WILLY VAN DER KERKHOF — The eldest, by under half an hour, of the famous twins from PSV Eindhoven. Willy is the leaner of the two and the midfielder. Was on the fringe of the national team for a long time. Made his name while with Twente Enschede before he and Rene joined PSV together in the early 1970s in the immediate wake of manager Kees Rijvers. Perugia of Italy would like both Willy and Rene in their team next season.

JOHNNY REP — Replaced veteran Sjaak Swart in the Ajax team in time not only to win a medal in the 1973 final against Juventus, but actually headed the only goal in the game's opening minutes. Followed Cruyff and Neeskens to Spain to join Valencia but never adjusted to the country or the club and went to play with Bastia of Corsica in the French League. Led them, against all the odds, to the UEFA Cup Final before joining Saint-Etienne last summer. Still receives sackfuls of fan mail from the girls.

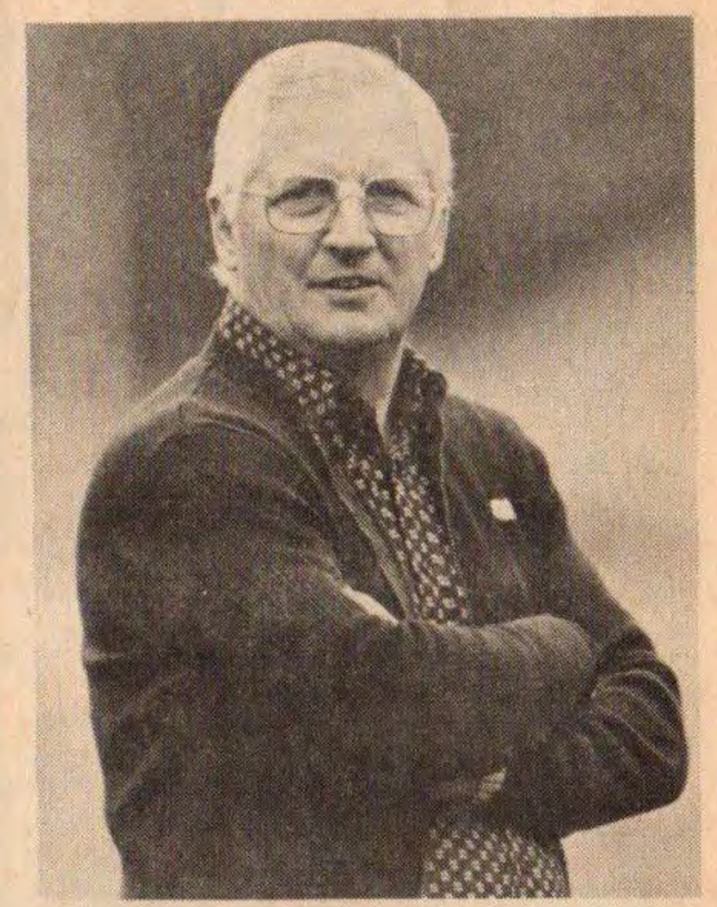
PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
PIM DOESBURG	Sparta	34	1
PIET SCHRIJVERS	Ajax	33	32
Defenders:			
MICHEL VAN DER KORPUT	Feyenoord	23	1
BEN WIJNSTEKERS	Feyenoord	25	4
RUDI KROL	Ajax	31	71
HUGO HOVENKAMP	Alkmaar	29	18
ERNIE BRANDTS	PSV	24	14
HUUD STEVENS	PSV	26	10
LOEK BALKENSTEIN	Sparta	26	1
Midfield:			
WILLY VAN DER KERKHOF	PSV	28	32
DICK SCHOENAKER	Ajax	27	3
FRANS THIJSSEN	Ipswich	28	7
JOHNNY METGOD	Alkmaar	22	6
ARIE HAAN	Anderlecht	31	31
JAN POORTVLIET	PSV	24	11
Attack:			
SIMON TAHAMATA	Ajax	24	3
KEES KIST	Alkmaar	27	16
JOHNNY REP	St Etienne	28	35
RENE VAN DER KERKHOF	PSV	28	33
DICK NANNINGA	Roda Kerkrade	31	9
PETRUS VERMEULEN	Roda Kerkrade	24	3

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group Four

3-0 h v Iceland — Krol 2, Brandts
3-1 a v Switzerland — Wildschut, Brandts, Geels
3-0 h v E Germany — Kische own goal, Geels 2
02 a v Poland
4-0 a v Iceland — Metgod, W. Van der Kerkhof, Nanninga 2
3-0 h v Switzerland — Kist, Metgod, Peters
1-1 h v Poland — Stevens
3-2 a v E Germany — Thijssen, Kist, R. Van der Kerkhof

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	8	6	1	1	20	6	13
Poland	8	5	2	1	13	4	12
E Germany	8	5	1	2	18	12	11
Switzerland	8	2	0	6	7	10	4
Iceland	8	0	0	8	2	21	0



West German team manager Jupp Derwall.

WEST GERMANY

THERE is no European nation with a competitive record to match the West Germans.

They have won the World Cup twice (1954 and 1974), been runners-up in 1966, third in 1970 and fourth in 1958; they have been European champions in 1972 and runners-up in 1976 — only after a penalty contest. Hamburg reached the Champion's Cup final and the UEFA Cup this season was so dominated by the Germans that they provided all four semi-finalists.

Most of this success has been achieved as a direct result of the organising of the Bundesliga in the early 1960s after years of regional league semi-professionalism. On top of that came the appointment in 1964 of Helmut Schoen as national boss.

Schoen's reign lasted 14 years until his retirement after the disappointing campaign in Argentina when an over-defensive side failed in the second round, even losing for the first time in 40 years to Austria.

Schoen's erstwhile assistant Jupp Derwall then took over, rebuilding the team around youth and gifted attackers such as Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern) and Hansi Müller (Stuttgart).

Yet Derwall has injury problems. Centre forward Klaus Fischer recently broke a leg and goalkeeper Norbert Nigbur — having barely established himself at long last after the retirement of car crash victim Sepp Maier — needed a cartilage operation.

England and West Germany may meet only in the final or third place game. They have met on 14 occasions, the Germans winning four and losing eight. The last meeting ended in a narrow 2-1 win for the Germans two years ago in Munich — one of Ron Greenwood's two defeats.

NT all-time record:
From 1908: 400 222-76-102 925-537
From 1950 (West Ger): 246 147-47-52 538-258

Manager: JUPP DERWALL

Only the third manager of West Germany since the war, following Helmut Schoen on the latter's retirement after the 1978 World Cup finals. Yet Derwall had known for the previous 15 months that he would get the job, such is the well-planned way of the DFB.

Aged 53, Derwall played for Rhenania Würselen, Alemannia Aachen, Fortuna Düsseldorf and Biel and Schaffhausen in Switzerland before turning to coaching.

He coached both those Swiss clubs before returning in charge at Fortuna and then going to Saarbrücken FC, where he also became chief coach to the Saar federation — the real road to success, for Schoen had been Saarland manager in the mid-1950s.

NEW LOOK?

SPAIN

SPAIN have had an awful time in their preparations, losing at home this season to Yugoslavia, Denmark, East Germany and England — the first game a qualifier, the others friendlies.

But England shouldn't expect Ladislao Kubala to repeat the uninspired line-up who recently lost 2-0 to Greenwood's men in Barcelona.

Spain's footballers have always been notoriously indifferent to friendlies, even though Kubala is trying to change all that with his match-a-month programme designed to prepare not just for Italy but for the World Cup Finals which Spain will host in 1982.

In 1964 Spain won the European title — then known as the Nations' Cup — beating Russia in the Madrid final, by 2-1. But generally their international record contains little of note.

After reaching the 1966 World Cup Finals in England it wasn't until 1978 that they returned. And then, despite massive popular support in Argentina, they flopped against Austria and struggled dismally against a poor Brazil.

Internal disagreements led to the international retirement of Real Madrid's veteran skipper and sweeper Pirri and Kubala's rebuilding has been further affected by the Barcelona crisis and the injury problems of skipper and midfield general Juan Manuel Asensi.

England and Spain have met on 12 occasions, with the Spaniards winning just twice — including the 1929 meeting when they became the first foreign side to beat England (4-3 in Madrid).

The present team will be built not so much around the traditional giants such as Madrid and Barcelona, but the San Sebastian club, Real Sociedad, who set a record for games undefeated thanks in large measure to the goalkeeping of Luis Maria Arconada.

NT all-time record from 1920:
240 121-59-60 460-276.

Manager: LADISLAO KUBALA

The only player to have played full internationals for three countries and the longest-serving manager in the European finals.

Born in Budapest of Czech parents in 1927, Kubala made his first division debut in Hungarian football with Ganz at the age of 15. Later he joined Ferencvaros before being persuaded to play in Czechoslovakia for Bratislava, where he won 11 caps for his father's country.

In 1947 he returned to Budapest to play for Vasas on the understanding that after a year they would help him to a club in Italy. The promise was forgotten so, after Kubala had won seven caps for Hungary at inside forward, he smuggled his family out of the country under the tarpaulin on the back of a lorry.

But in Italy no one really wanted to know. The big clubs, Inter, Milan, Juventus, were afraid of sanctions through FIFA so Kubala formed his own team of interned East European exiles and called them Hungaria.

It was after a friendly in Barcelona that the local club offered him and father-in-law Ferdinand Daucik, a coach, contracts. With a nod and wink from FIFA president Jules Rimet, Kubala signed for Barcelona, inspiring them to one triumph after another, and winning caps for Spain.

He retired after a friendly testimonial against Nottingham Forest in 1961, coaching neighbours Espanol, FC Zurich and in Canada briefly before returning to Spain with Cordoba. He failed to save them from relegation in 1969 but instead was 'rewarded' with the national team job!

Beset by all sorts of club-created and political obstacles he hasn't had a lot of success and disaster in Italy could see him forced out of a job. Ex-Real Madrid centre half Jose Santamaria is waiting in the wings, entrusted now with responsibility for the national youth set-up.

Record in charge: 64 31-19-14 95-53.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

LUIS MARIA ARCONADA (or Arkonada, the Basque spelling) — Has been Spain's regular No 1 since the 1978 World Cup, and many players and officials also consider him the best in Europe now if not the world. Arconada's brilliance had much to do with Spain's being defeated *only* 2-0 by England in Barcelona recently, and much to do also with Real Sociedad's record unbeaten run in the championship.

MIGUELI — Rugged stopper who signed for Barcelona after Real Madrid had watched him several times and decided he would never make the grade. Had been playing for Cadiz. Still only 28 despite his vast experience which included a winner's medal in last season's Cup-winners' Cup finals against Fortuna Düsseldorf. Has also played sweeper occasionally for Barcelona but is really too slow. A giant — and *not* a gentle one.

SANTILLANA — Real Madrid centre forward who has been in and out of Kubala's team for the past six years. "How can he expect me to show my best when I know I'm likely to be the first player substituted at half-time?" Santillana complained recently. Has been scoring well for Madrid this season and is rated the world's best header of a ball by his fellow professionals.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
LUIS MARIA ARCONADA	Real Sociedad	25	15
FRAN. JAVIER URRUTICOECHEA URRUTI	Espanol	28	4
Defenders:			
FRAN. JAVIER ALVAREZ URIA	Gijon	30	13
MIGUEL BERNARDO BIANQUETTI MIGUELI	Barcelona	28	27
JOSE RAMON ALESANCO	Bilbao	24	8
RAFAEL GORDILLO	Betis	23	5
SECUNDINO SUAREZ CUNDI	Gijon	24	7
ANTONIO OLMO	Barcelona	26	12
GENARO CELAYETA	Real Sociedad	25	2
Midfield:			
MANUEL MESA	Gijon	27	2
VICENTE DEL BOSQUE	Real Madrid	29	16
JESUS MARIA ZAMORA	Real Sociedad	25	5
JUAN MANUAL ASENSI	Barcelona	30	28
ENRIQUE SAURA	Valencia	26	6
Attack:			
DANIEL RUIZ-BAZAN DANI	Bilbao	28	15
CARLOS ALONSO ALVAREZ SANTILLANA	Real Madrid	27	22
JUAN GOMEZ GONZALEZ JUANITO	Real Madrid	25	13
FRANCISCO JOSE CARRASCO	Barcelona	20	6
JESUS MARIA SATRUSTEGUI	Real Sociedad	26	9
ENRIQUE CASTRO QUINI	Gijon	30	27
ROBERTO LOPEZ-UFARTE	Real Sociedad	22	5

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group Three

2-1 a v Yugoslavia — Juanito, Santillana
1-0 h v Rumania — Asensi
5-0 h v Cyprus — Santillana 2, Asensi, Del Bosque, Ruben Cano
2-2 a v Rumania — Dani 2
0-1 h v Yugoslavia
3-1 a v Cyprus — Villar, Santillana, Saura

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	4	1	1	13	5	9
Yugoslavia	6	4	0	2	14	6	8
Rumania	6	2	2	2	9	8	6
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	2	19	1

Rudi Krol of Holland.

In 1970 Derwall was appointed by the West German federation with responsibility for the youth teams and he was groomed to succeed Schoen. There was some controversy about his role during the 1978 World Cup Finals, when he arrived late after a back operation, but this didn't impede his takeover soon afterwards.

So far, in 14 games he remains undefeated, and if West Germany can push that run to 17 games they will beat the record of the famous pre-war "Breslau-eleven."

Record in charge: 14 9-3-0 36-9.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

MANFRED KALTZ — Attacking full back, probably the best in Europe. Outstanding in Hamburg's Champions' Cup run, his pace helping him to lay on and score vital goals — particularly in the return against Real Madrid in the semi-finals, when he scored twice. Earlier in the season was being linked with Bayern Munich, but seems to have decided to stay with Hamburg. Played in Argentina in 1978 as sweeper — a job he didn't much care for.

HANSI MULLER — The *enfant terrible* of the *Bundesliga*. Great things were expected of him during the 1978 World Cup, but he failed to match the potential so obvious in the league. A major target of the big Italian clubs — especially Internazionale — but seems likely to remain with Stuttgart now that a change of managers is in the air. It was after a row with Lothar Buchmann earlier this season that Müller was dropped from the national team as a direct result. In fact injuries gave him a recall and in the match concerned — against Austria — he was not only the German's best player but scored the only goal of the game.

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE — Joined Bayern Munich in the summer of 1974 with a reputation as a brilliant dribbler of the ball. After being given an early run in the team he lost confidence and wasn't even a substitute for the 1975 Champions' final against Leeds. Under Dettmar Cramer trained hard to improve his shooting and heading and his restriction to a midfield role in the 1978 World Cup robbed the West Germans of much of their force in attack. Admits that one of the reasons for his improved goal-scoring in recent seasons has been his wife's constant questioning about why he didn't score more often.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers:			
HARALD SCHUMACHER	Köln	25	2
RUDI KARGUS	Hamburg	27	3
HELMUT BURDENSKI	Werder Bremen	29	8
Defenders:			
MANFRED KALTZ	Hamburg	27	35
BERND CULLMANN	Köln	30	36
KARL-HEINZ FÖRSTER	Stuttgart	21	12
BERNARD DIETZ	MSV Duisburg	32	41
HANS-PETER BRIEGEL	Kaiserslautern	24	3
DIETMAR JAKOBS	Hamburg	26	0
KLAUS AUGENTHALER	Bayern Munich	22	0
Midfield:			
RAINER BONHOF	Valencia	28	51
ULI STIELIKE	Real Madrid	25	10
HANSI MÜLLER	Stuttgart	22	16
KLAUS ALLOFS	Fortuna D'dorf	23	10
BERND SCHUSTER	Köln	20	6
BERND FÖRSTER	Stuttgart	23	6
LOTHAR MATTHÄUS	Borussia Mg	19	0
Attack:			
KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE	Bayern Munich	24	30
HORST HRUBESCH	Hamburg	28	1
WALTER KELSCH	Stuttgart	24	4
KARL DEL'HAYE	Borussia Mg	24	1
HARALD NICKEL	Borussia Mg	26	3

HOW THEY QUALIFIED — Group Seven

0-0 a v Malta
0-0 a v Turkey
2-0 a v Wales — Zimmermann, Fischer
5-1 h v Wales — Fischer 2, Kaltz, Rummenigge, K-H Förster
2-0 h v Turkey — Fischer, Zimmermann
8-0 h v Malta — Allofs 2, Fischer 2, Bonhof, Holland own goal, Kelsch, Rummenigge

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	6	4	2	0	17	1	10
Turkey	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Wales	6	3	0	3	11	8	6
Malta	6	0	1	5	2	21	1

POLAND

by Arthur Rotmil

YOUNG PLAYERS INSPIRE OPTIMISM

THE Polish national team looks back on a disappointing season, but the discovery of some young talented players has raised fresh hopes and optimism before the World Cup qualifying series starts next term.

In the European Championship qualifying section Poland took three points off the group winners Holland, but dropped three points against East Germany, rather unluckily. That the other four group matches against Switzerland and Iceland were all won, was to no avail. The next disappointment was the draw for the World Cup qualifying section which pitched Poland against Malta and again v. East Germany!

"This is catastrophic," moaned Konrad Kaleta, the general secretary of the Polski Zwiazek Pilki Noznej (FA). "We are really unlucky, for one defeat could put us out in this small group, from which only the winner goes forward to the finals in Spain in 1982. On top of that, there is no money to be made from such unattractive opposition,' ' he added.

In order to improve their financial position the PZPN has arranged a massive programme of fixtures against mostly strong opponents and hopes to fill the grounds for the home and for some of the return games. This year alone, Poland will have played 16 internationals! Last year they only played eight . . .

After the games v. Iraq, Hungary, Belgium, Italy, and Yugoslavia, the Poles were due to meet West Germany on May 13 in Frankfurt; Scotland on May 28 in Chorzow, then on a South American tour in June/July, Argentina, Brazil, paraguay and Colombia. Next season v. Sweden on August 14 in Stockholm; Czechoslovakia on September 24 in Krakow; Spain on November 12 in Madrid; Algeria on November 19 in Poznan and finally Malta on December 7 in La Valetta, in the first World Cup qualifying tie.

National ateam manager Ryszard Kulesza will use these fixtures as tests for the World Cup matches. The programme of rebuilding and rejuvenation has already begun. Kulesza certainly has problems, not least in trying to raise a large squad from a multitude of poor club sides. It is rather debatable whether the team manager will be able to discard all the veterans, but he has already indicated his willingness to experiment and he was rewarded with excellent individual performances, although the actual results have not always been positive.

In goal it seems that Piotr Mowlik 29 (Lech Poznan) is the No. 1. Tomaszewski, now 32 and a professional in Belgium with SC Beerschot, will no longer be considered. The other candidate Jozef Mlynarczyk 28 (Odra Opole) was at fault with one goal in the 1-2 defeat by Hungary and this has prejudiced his chances. There is also Zdzislaw Kostrzewa 24 (Slask Wroclaw), who was a reserve in the '78 World Cup.

At full-back there are now four candidates: Antoni Szymanowski 29 from Second Division Gwardia Warsaw is the most experienced, together with Wojciech Rudy 27 (Zaglebie Sosnowiec). Their younger rivals are Marek Motyka 22 (Wisla Krakow) and Marek Dziuba 24 (LKS Lodz). In the stopper/libero positions Wladyslaw Zmuda 25 (Widzew Lodz) and Pawel Janas 27 (Legia Warsaw) are currently in favour.

In midfield Zbigniew Boniek 24 (Widzew Lodz) is the most gifted Polish footballer who made his name in Argentina and was the star of the Rest of the World XI who beat the world champions on their own ground 2-1 last summer. He is an automatic choice for the national team, but was forced to miss recent matches because of suspension. Adam Nawalka 22 (Wisla Krakow) is another highly-talented international; the other positions are disputed by Leszek Lipka 20 (wisla Krakow), Roman Wojcicki 22 (Odra Opole) and Henryk Miloszewicz 24 (Legia Warsaw).

Up front there is the "discovery of the season" Andrzej Palasz only 19 (Gornik Zabrze) whose speed and dribbling technique remind one of Godocha. The 20-year-old Andrzej Iwan (Wisla Krakow) competes for the centr-forward spot with the old-timer Andrzej Szarmach 29 (Stal Mielec) who made a come-back and scored from a penalty against Italy.

And so did Janusz Sybis 27 (Slask Wroclaw) who also scored in that match. In addition there is Wlodzimierz Mazur 26 (Zaglebie Sosnowiec). But the striking trio of the future must be Palasz/Iwan/Terlecki, now that Grzehorz Lato 30 (Stal Mielec) has lost speed and does not fit into the new system.

In the earlier matches this season the team was handicapped by the absence of several stars suspended by the PZPN: Before the European Championship tie v. Holland there was a row between the players and the accompanying journalists. The players led by Boniek, Szymanowski and Terlecki incensed by what they considered unjust criticism, refused to travel on the same bus as the journalists, gave them no more interviews and even insulted them. The journalists relatiated by writing stories of alleged drinking orgies on the flight home. The three players as "ring leaders" were suspended for six months, but later the verdict was commuted to "suspended sentence".

Of those who played in the 1974 World Cup and gained that splendid third place, there are only szymanowski, Zmuda, Szarmach and Lato still considered. They also made the 1978 tournament in which Boniek, Nawalka, Iwan and Rudy took part, as well.

Several veteran internationals have been released to play professionally abroad: Tomaszewski, Kasperczak, Lubanski, Masztaler, Deyna, Gadocha and Nowak. Of those, Gadocha (32) already returned home, disillusioned but rich by Polish standards. He went to France after the '74 World Cup and played with moderate success for Nantes. Later he joined the FC Curitiba in Brazil — in the Second Division! Gadocha has rejected various offers but will have nothing more to do with football. He has retired into the seclusion of the Beskidy mountains.

Manager Kulesza faces a daunting task, for Poland expects a third World Cup qualification in a row. But only if the Polish team chief can find the right blend, will he be able to achieve his goal and emulate his predecessors Gorski and Gmoch.

READERS' LETTERS

SIR — Re your article (March): "Germany rule the eighties" by Paul Radford: The remark" *it was never fair* that countries like Spain should automatically get three places in the UEFA Cup" is resented. If you take the trouble to make a UEFA points average from the beginning of the European competitions, you might find to your surprise that the No 1 spot goes to Spain.

You claim that the average should be worked out over a ten-year period for the sake of stability — I ask, why not then from the very beginning for extra stability? Of course, the ten-year period favours England.

J. M. Ruiz, Walvis Bay.

***The unfairness of going back to early European competitions is, of course, that only half UEFA's present membership entered teams.*

SIR — I have been a subscriber to your excellent magazine for two years and in the March and April issues there were two articles I would like to comment on.

In the column on Portugal in the March issue, the Brazilian signed by Benfica was not the 1970 world champion Paulo Cesar, but a Cesar who is much younger and was signed from (I think) Fluminense. Benfica manager Mario Wilson never resigned, he is still in charge of Benfica and the national team.

In April, in an article "Gor Mahia want cash," in the small piece about Mozambique I have to point out that Xosta do Sol are not the first Mozambique team to enter the African Champions' Cup. That was Desportivo of Maputo, who were 1978 national champions. I am positive because my brother played for them!

Fernando De Melo, Warren, R.I.

***Wilson has, in fact, resigned.*

SIR — The first European Cup-tie I ever saw on TV was the 1960 Real Madrid-Eintracht Frankfurt final and that game, not unnaturally, got me hooked on European football in general and the European Cup in particular. Through newspapers, TV coverage and (since 1965) World Soccer, I've followed the competition not just as a statistical exercise, but as a lover of the mythology and drama of it all.

So when I saw a book called *European Cup 1955-80* by Anton Rippon and published by Mirror Books I bought it, pleased that someone was celebrating the Cup's silver jubilee.

Can I ask you to warn all *World Soccer* readers *off* the book. There is a catalogue of mistakes and omissions and the amount of inconsistency in research is abysmal. There's no magic in this book and I consider it does a great disservice to a magnificent tournament

Jo Furtado, Rochdale, Lancs.

***A member of the World Soccer team compiled for Mirror Books, on making his dissatisfaction known, a lengthy dossier of mistakes in the book concerned. That was long before the letter here was received.*

ITALY

by Keir Radnedge

JUVENTUS — IT WASN'T THEIR YEAR

PREPARATIONS for the European championship and the final drive to round up the last culprits in the match-fix scandal, meant that Internazionale's championship win went almost unnoticed.

It's understandable. Once they had put their heads in front early in the season everyone else was too busy with their own crises to challenge.

Inter gradually drew away from the field and despite the occasional gallops raised by last year's champions Milan, by Juventus, by the revived Fiorentina, and by Nils Liedholm's inconsistent Roma, they were never in danger.

In fact there were three games remaining when they made sure . . . throwing the remaining weeks of the campaign into the shadows as the investigators of both the fraud squad and the Italian federation drew up their indictments.

Last month in *World Soccer* I described in detail the background to the scandal and the way the gory details came to light. But there was more to come — significant moves for all those who still wonder about the Lobo case.

Even Juventus, richest, most popular, most titled of Italian clubs, haven't been able to escape. No less an official than president Giampiero Boniperti must stand trial accused of fixing a 1-1 draw with Bologna — in collusion with opposing president Giorgio Fabbretti.

The rumours, which had been in the air for several weeks, were confirmed by Stefano Chiodi, the one-time Bologna striker now with Milan. He told a newspaper he had been asked by a Bologna player, an old friend, to place a bet of £1,000 on a draw with the illegal betting rings.

Tackle

Coming on top of Juventus' surprising exit, in front of their own fans, from the Cup-winners' Cup, this must have shaken even the vast Fiat organisation to the core. Arsenal, the team of course who achieved that European coup in the Stadio Communale, might consider that Juve received their just deserts in return for Roberto Bettega's uncharacteristic foul on David O'Leary.

Bettega couldn't put a foot right. On the eve of the second leg he nearly incapacitated his skipper, Giuseppe Furino, with a badly-timed tackle in training.

Goalkeeper Dino Zoff clearly had an inkling that this wan't Juve's year.

Before going out to face Arsenal in the second leg, he warned: "Our real problem is being without Brio in the middle of defence. Arsenal have to attack us because we have an away goal. So they could cause us plenty of trouble in the air."

And it was of course with a header that substitute Paul Vaessen planted the only goal past Zoff in the dying seconds.

"We tried hard, but with injuries we'd had to make changes and though the boys did as well as they could, it wasn't enough," admitted coach Giovanni Trapattoni in what could turn out to be one of the last quotes of his career.

Barely have Juve slunk back to the league then been eliminated from the Cup on penalties by Torino — who now face Roma in the Final — than Trapattoni was being named alongside Boniperti and Fabbretti in a new list of suspensions issued by the FIGC. These three are among 40 names whose football futures were due to be decided by the FIGC on May 14 — though by the time this magazine appears, judgment day mayh have been put back to avoid prejudicing the legal proceedings which begin — with huge irony — on June 13.

That is, two days after the start of the European championship!

Avellino have come up with the bright idea that since so many clubs are now implicated, relegation should be scrapped this season. At the present rate of investigative progress, half the second division are now harbouring hopes of wholesale promotion should the likes of Milan, Lazio, Perugia, Bologna and Juventus be dropped down a division!

Milan, meanwhile, have other problems apart from the match-fix scandal which has seen the suspension of president Felice Colombo and players Ricky Albertosi and Giorgio Morini. Coach Massimo Giacomini let fly with an almighty broadside which condemned everything and almost everybody connected with the club.

He complained that at board level it was almost impossible to get a word with anyone, let alone a decision, and that many of the players, including skipper Alberto Bigon, demanded to be pampered like children.

Acting president Gianni Rivera, admitting that he had needed to bite his tongue hard to save sacking Giacomini (*his* appointment) on the spot, decided to delay action. He must have realised that Giacomini's tirade was not so much an indictment of Milan, but of Italian football as a whole and the manner in which players are wrapped up by their clubs and cocooned against the world, shuffled through a never-ending series of hotels until they lose all sense of adult responsibility.

Dragged

It needs a man of major character to grow up in that environment, though Giancarlo Antognoni appeared to have done so, before even he was dragged into the big fix. This season has been his most brilliant to date. Fiorentina, in the doldrums for several seasons, are now chasing a UEFA Cup place after more than a dozen games undefeated.

Antognoni has not only been running the show in midfield, but scoring some spectacular long-range goals.

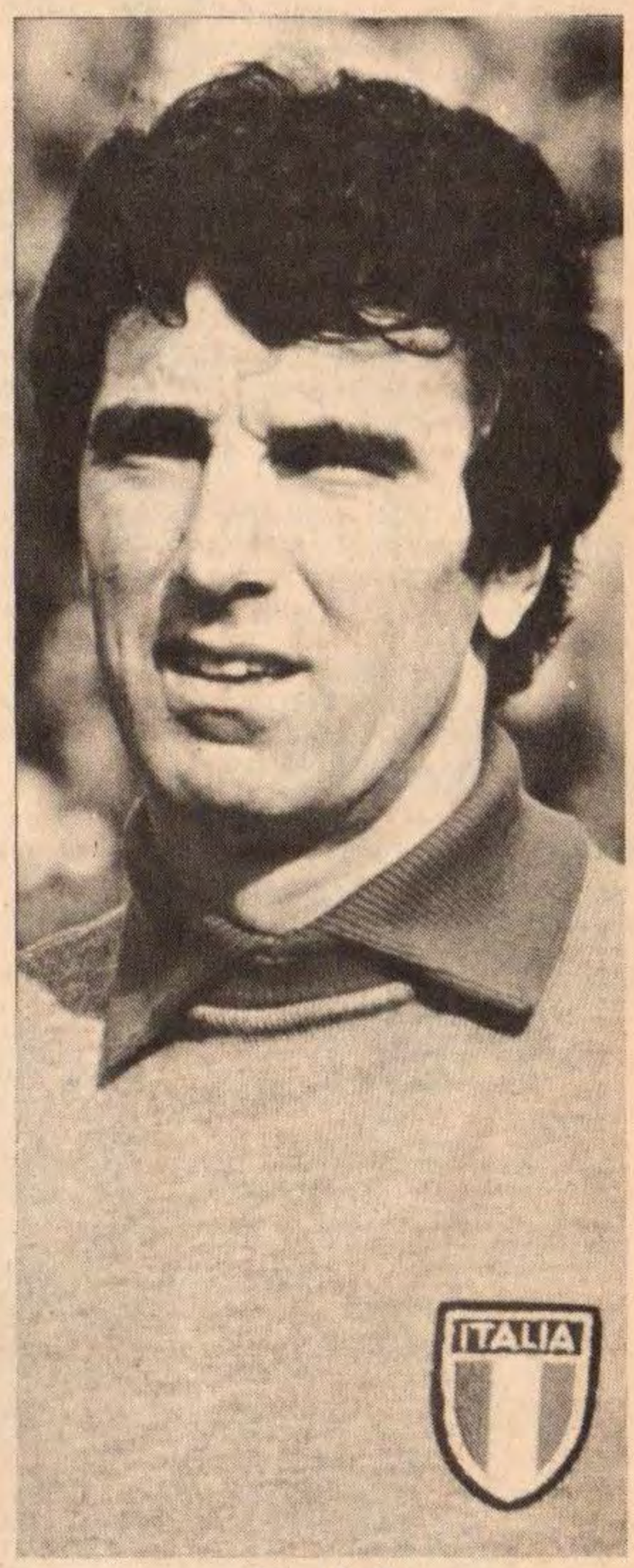
The reason for his consistency? — "Marriage," he says. "The responsibilities of a home have helped me grow up — both as a man and as a footbaler."

A year ago it seemed Antognoni might soon be on the move at long last. But Fiorentina's new board of directors have made it clear they won't be badgered into soccer suicide.

That being the case, it's hard to see what major transfers will be effected this summer. Many clubs will be shy of paying big money for a man who may yet turn out to be in the running for a lifetime ban and other clubs will be fearful that they won't be able to afford big signings on second division gates!

Inter — new champions, remember? — have tied up the Austrian Herbert Prohaska, but their interest in Paolo Rossi has been killed stone dead by the Perugia star's implication in the scandal.

Just think . . . nearly two year ago Lanerossi Vicenza paid £1.7 million for Rossi thinking he would prove the investment *par excellence.* Now Vicenza are in the second division and Rossi is in court. A guilty verdict might just trigger off a run of bankruptcies — with Vicenza the first to go.



Dino Zoff

by Brian Glanville

Betting scandal— no excuse for greed

THE Betting Scandal in Italian football has become what the Americans call a fast breaking story, so much so that he who writes about it must run a substantial risk of being overtaken by events.

A recent ten days visit to Italy, however, which took me through Rome, Florence, Milan and Turin, where I saw Italy draw with Poland and Arsenal beat Juventus, and a close study of the developing scandal, moves me to a few notes on the way.

Football, like peace, is indivisible. You might also think that it is indivisible from the society which surrounds it. If that society is a cynical, corrupt, rudderless and divided one, as is the Italian society of the moment, small wonder that the footballers should have behaved as they have done. No excuse, no exculpation for their grubby greed. Merely an observation that something of the sort might have been expected.

The leading italian newspaper, the *Corriere Della Sera*, has remarked that one of the most distressing and repugnant features of the sordid affair has been how easily and eagerly players responded to temptation. another one was the evidence of how popular and well established the two villains Massimo Cruciano, the Roman greengrocer, and Alvaro Trinca, the restaurateur from the Piazza del Popolo, seemed to be with the players at large.

They attended the weddings of several, such as the two young Lazio internationals, Giordano and Manfredonia, while Cruciani says that Francesco Cordova, the ex-Roma and Lazio player now with Avellino, was responsible for getting him the fruit-supplying contract with Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci hotel, owned by the former Roma President Marchini, a Communist (yes!) millionaire, who was once the scourge of Helenio Herrera, and is now Cordova's father-in-law.

Astonishing

I cannot pretend I was displeased to see Juventus put on the spot over the drawn Bologna-Juventus game last January. Their astonishing luck over the Lobo-Solti affair when they not only got away scot-free, but were actually thanked, yes *thanked*, by idiotic UEFA for their "help" over the 1973 disciplinary hearing in Zurich, still sticks in the craw.

I remember with bleak vividness Giampiero Boniperti, their President and former skipper, sitting in his Presidential office in Turin the following year, while I outlined to him what I had discovered with Keith Botsfield and what the *Sunday Times* would shortly publish, limiting himself to the words: "Brian, if there are these lunatics going around".

This particular "Lunatic", Dezso Solti, was, as we later proved by publishing a document he signed three years earlier in Holland on behalf of Juventus, a man who had worked for the club. Quite how Juventus will, or will not, get off the hook over the Bologna scandal will be interesting to see. By the time you read this, perhaps the Houdini-like miracle will already have been accomplished, though alas for them and for Italian football, it's always much less easy to escape from the toils of public prosecution than it is from those of the complacent asses of the football world.

The rumour that, after his long shot had been fumbled into the Bologna net by their keeper Zinetti, Franco Causio ran to the Juventus bench demanding, "What do we do now?" and being told, "Let them equalise," would be very hard to stand up; even if the equaliser was a bizarre own goal from a corner by the big Juventus stopper, Brio. But how to wriggle out of the Chiodi-Columba story?

The *Corriere Della Sera* broke this one, too, and needless to say, Juventus are suing them. Chiodi has publicly confirmed that the day before the Bologna-Juventus game he, a former Bologna attacker, had a phone call out at Milanello, the Milan training camp, from the Bologna forward Columba, asking him to get 20 million lire down on a draw next day. The Bolognese bookmakers said Columba were wise to the "fix" and wouldn't take bets. Unluckily for Columba, Chiodi consulted the *Corriere Della Sera* reporter Lajolo, who happened to be there, and in due course, refused.

Outburst

If this is true, it is a repugnant story. Less than a couple of weeks earlier, in an extraordinary outburst, Giacomini, the young Milan and ex-Udinese manager, had castigated the players. If you knew how they scrambled at Christmas each year for the *panettoni* — the traditional sweet "Christmas loaves" — he said, you would understand how much more eager they would be to get their hands on any sum of money.

Alas, it seems true, but as I said when I appeared on the Italian Sunday sports programme, *La Domenica Sportiva*, is it in any way to be wondered at, when the players look around them and see the kind of thing that leading officials and club Presidents get up to, remaining admired and eulogised figures? Inter bribed their way to success for years in the European Cup, foundering at last in 1966 only when they found a Hungarian referee in Vardas brave enough to refuse them. Italo Allodi, loathed by Enzo Bearzot, who will not even speak to him, has for all his strange background with Inter and Juventus become head of the federal technical centre in Coverciano. And the players? A nauseating bunch, it is true, but what kind of example has been set them over the past twenty years?

My mind goes back to the words of the late Vittorio Pozzo, as honest a team manager of Italy as Bearzot, in his day. After the war, he said, the old class of club directors disappeared. Their places were taken by a new breed, the men who had done well out of the war, who thought that any and every problem could be solved with money. Such men and their successors are still alas, with us.

As the Nations Cup approaches, who knows which Italian stars will still be available to Bearzot, which will be standing trial, in that very month, out on the fringes of Rome at EUR, in a palazzo built for the 1960 Olympics?

As for the negative approach to the game incarnated by the craven display of Juventus against Arsenal, it seems much too deeply ingrained for anything to be done about it. It was illuminating, if depressing, to be engaged on a radio link for Italy in discussion with my friend and colleague on the *Corrier Edllo Sport*, Ezio De Cesari.

When I condemned the negative approach of Italian clubs, the way they failed to build on the success, the excellent football, of the 1978 World Cup team under Bearzot in Argentina, he said he was astonished by my views. As well suggest that Italy might have won the last war by landing in New York! How, he asked, could Juventus possibly be expected to play attacking football in Turin against Arsenal, when they were without Tardelli, and needed only a 0-0 draw to survive? There's no answer, as Eric Morecambe might have said, to that. No logical answer, that is, to a point of view which seems hopelessly dissociated.

There are other explanations, though, of Juventus' collapse into defensive play against Arsenal. I have heard that the team was simply exhausted, that it hadn't the physical resources after half-time to come out and attack. That may be true, though the explanation for such failings is surely a psycho-somatic one. The trouble with Italian players is that they convince themselves they can't go on running. English, or British, players convince themselves they can.

Years ago, in that same Presidential office, Boniperti tried to tell me that Italian players had to play *catenaccio* or some such, because they just couldn't match the stamina of the English. He believed it. They believed it. I don't think Bearzot believes it, but he remains essentially a voice crying in the wilderness.

Enzo Bearzot

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Speaking Personally by LESLIE VERNON

MODERN FOOTBALL IS UNATTRACTIVE

PARSON'S nose or Curate's egg? These are the culinary alternatives at my disposal when I try to assess the past domestic season. I settle on the latter, because after all, there were good aspects as well as bad, but my reluctance can be explained by the fact that I am not a devotee of present-day 'modern' football.

I abhor the domination of the 4-4-2 formation, and regret the passing of the old-fashioned winger. With a few notable exceptions (Robertson, Barnes), this is an extinct breed, and we do not any longer see the run to the by-line and subsequent cross, which used to be such a dangerous weapon of a forward line's armoury.

No, nowadays we have a midfield cluttered up with players denying space to the opposition, fighting for possession. At the same time, four defenders mark two lone forwards, who naturally cannot initiate too many attacks against such overwhelming odds.

The best of them, like Dalglish, hold the ball until reinforcement arrives from midfield, or more frequently, the ball is "laid-back" to an oncoming full-back or midfielder. Such a dull pattern is not conducive to fluent football, the moves are spasmodic and more often than not, the ball goes backwards or sideways.

The clever through-ball to the forward to run on to is also a dying art (where are you Johnny Haynes?), because the defences are usually very clever in setting offside traps, and many an attack is stopped by the referee's whistle. So, the overall picture is rather gloomy, entertainment wise, what with the offside traps, over-crowded midfields and dominating defences.

They all stem from that negative philosophy that teams must not be beaten, and the first commandment of the modern game is — they shall not score!

I do not blame managers for aiming to keep a clean sheet in every match, but I feel that they have got their priorities wrong. In the past, for instance, the great Hungarian team of the fifties stepped on the pitch with the aim of scoring one more goal than the opposition.

"If we concede two, we shall score at least three times," they said, and played the game accordingly. Therefore they were a joy to watch, they provided superb entertainment consistently, and even when they were beaten, they went down with style.

Nevertheless, in this era of declining standards, the English League is a very strong competition, and it is no accident that two of our teams reached European Finals.

I was greatly amused when I heard that Ted Croker, the F.A. Secretary, wanted to call a special seminar to teach English coahces how to deal with two-legged Cup-ties. This call for help came after our wholesale dismissal from the UEFA-Cup, which was due to the fact that our UEFA representatives were an off-form, sorry bunch at the beginning of the season.

If such a seminar was ever held, such experts as Bob Paisley, Brian Clough or Terry Neill could give a lecture on how to deal with home and away fixtures — there is no need to seek advice from abroad.

Every club sets out with different objectives for the season, and while for Brighton, staying in the First Division is a concrete achievement, a mid-table position for Leeds represents failure.

On that basis, i suppose the three promoted clubs should be pleased with their achievements, especially Crystal Palace, who were in a prominent position until a mid-winter slup. But in absolute terms, only five teams may consider the season's results as satisfactory, and I am not including Wolves, the League Cup winners, or any of the Second Division teams.

There were no outstanding outfits in that section this year, hence the closeness of the race, and West Ham cannot be completely happy — a Wembley Final victory is not sufficient consolation for missing the promotion boat. I am now talking about the teams which were worth watching because of their style of play, and because they have achieved something positive during the season.

Champions *Liverpool* must head my list, they are the perfect practioners of the dreaded 4-4-2. But their back-four, with the help of the brilliant Clemence, is almost impregnable, their midfield is adventurous, and their frontrunners are mobile and inventive.

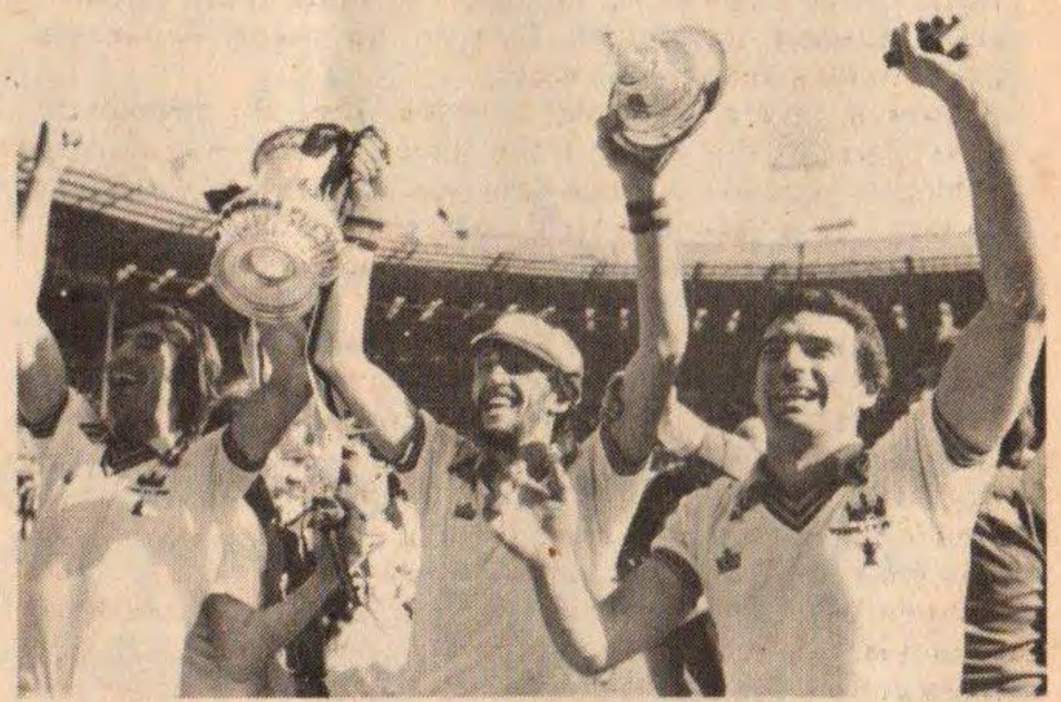
Liverpool are the masters of "denying space" to the opposition, they relentlessly go forward, and the Case-Souness-McDermott-R. Kennedy midfield consists of potential goalscorers.

Dave Johnson has had an excellent campaign, and he himself "modestly" says he has been as much help to Dalglish as the Scottish maestro was to him. Liverpool are worthy champions, and although they missed 'the double' and were beaten by Dynamo Tbilisi in the European Cup, they must be one of the best teams in world football today.

Runners-up, *Manchester United* play a different game altogether. They might even claim to line up 4-2-4 with two wingers, Coppell and Thomas. But these two are frequently withdrawn into the midfield, and when they have the ball, very seldom attempt to go for the by-line. They send in telling crosses instead, and it's usually Joe Jordan's head which is the target.

Jordan is the man in form, he scored more often this season than ever before, and he is very astute in passing the ball to a fellow forward, be it Macari, Greenhoff or Ritchie.

United are well equipped to do well in the UEFA-Cup next season, and in an ordinary year, their points total would have been enough to win the League title. I always enjoy watching *Ipswich*, and it is no accident that they went 23 matches unbeaten.



Jubilant West Ham captain Billy Bonds (left), David Cross (centre) and Trevor Brooking celebrate their famous Cup victory at a sun drenched Wembley.

The goal that won the Cup . . . Trevor Brooking (grounded) has just headed West Ham to FA Cup glory much to the delight of Geoff Pike (far right).

They play 4-3-3, for a change, or more correctly, 4-3-1-2, with Eric Gates positioned slightly behind the central strikers, Mariner and Brazil. But the Ipswich style is mainly fashioned by the Dutch pair, Muhren and Thijssen, who keep the ball on the floor most of the time, and feed the forwards with shrewd passes. Mills is a fine footballer, and the young central defenders give the defence the required solidity.

Nottingham Forest perhaps didn't have a great domestic season, but we must not forget that they are in the European Cup Final. They are an exception to the rule, and play a fluent 4-3-3 with one orthodox winger. At times, Clough attempted to use Trevor Francis on the other flank, but I feel that this is a mistake.

He is happiest in the middle of the forward line, alongside Birtles, where he has more opportunity to score goals. Forest are always worth the admission fee, because they don't seem to be obsessed by the 'clean sheet' bug, and even their defenders — Anderson, Burns, Lloyd, Gray — are adventurous players who come forward with the ball at the slightest opportunity.

Arsenal's main weapon is their left-sided trio of Nelson, Brady and Rix, and their ability to create chances for the constantly moving central duo of Sunderland and Stapleton.

Rix is a perfect example of the withdrawn winger. In my view, with his ball skills, he would be much more valuable as an out-and-out winger. As it is, he merely duplicates Liam Brady's imaginative work.

Arsenal have a very solid defence. They are difficult to beat. Perhaps this is not a tag which makes them crowd pulling attractions, but one cannot argue with success, and getting into a European Final plus reaching Wembley three years running, are definitely signs of good coaching by Don Howe.

These are my top five for the season, the rest were rather ordinary, even the bright promise of such teams as Crystal Palace, Norwich and Southampton didn't survive the searching test of a hard English domestic season. Occasionally, of course, several teams shone, but they couldn't sustain that fleeting brilliance, and as long as they play 4-4-2, they will be just plain mediocre.

When assessing a football season, the most important aspect is, of course, what happened on the pitch itself, but there are always side issues which keep the proverbial pot boiling.

A great deal has been said about the insane transfer market, for instance, and I can only repeat my previous plea to make players "League-tied" the same way as they are Cup-tied occasionally.

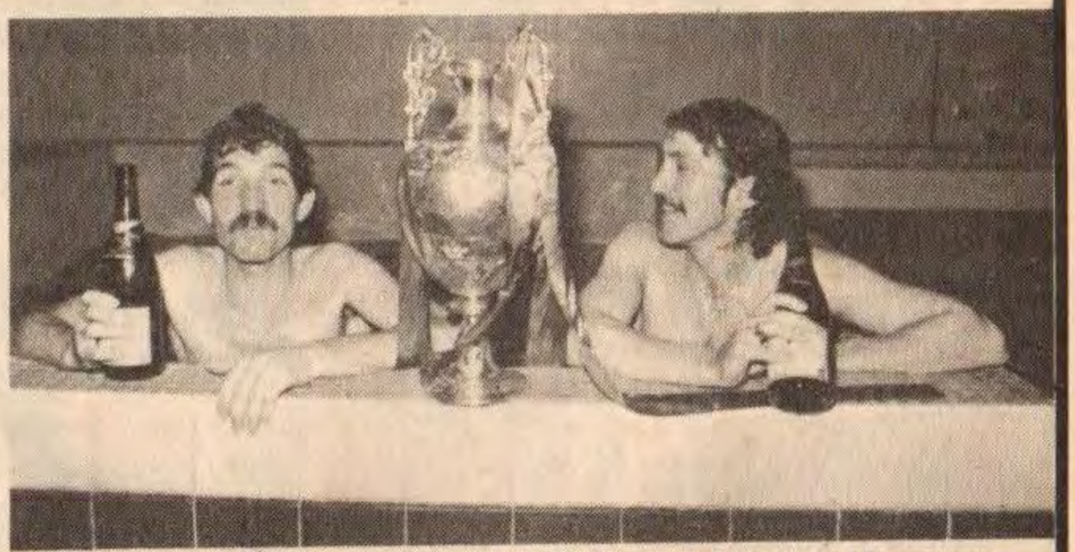
In other words, no player should be allowed to move during the season within the same division, and play for the same championship title for two or more clubs. This would be fairer, and would also limit the expenditure of the First Division clubs if they have to go shopping elsewhere.

I am also in favour of the much canvassed idea that the buying club must put down at least 50% of the purchase price at once, and pay the rest not later than six months. "Never-never" deals would stop, and this might bring down the fees to a level of sanity. No player has yet justified the "million pounds footballer" tag, with the possible exception of Trevor Francis.

I hope that the new chief of the Steel Corporation will turn out to be a better buy than Steve Daley, Andy Gray or Kevin Reeves. I do not blame the footballers, these fees put an impossible burden on them, and they cannot possibly play up to the standard consistently expected from a "million-and-a-half-pound" players. What can he do?

Balance the ball on his nose for five minutes or score three goals in every match? No, this stupidity must stop before bankruptcy threatens the fabric of the game. During the close season, I hope to see reasonable deals conducted by reasonable, sensible managers.

Well, it hasn't been a vintage year, but not too bad either. Once again, Liverpool outclassed everybody else, and Bob Paisley will forgive me for saying that this monotony is becoming boring. I hope to see more adventure next season, more enterprise, an escape from the clutches of the dreaded 4-4-2!



Liverpool's Graeme Souness (left) and Terry McDermott sample the sweet taste of champagne and success after their title clinching win over Aston Villa.

SPAIN by Keir Radnedge

Match fixing scandal between Malaga and Salamanca . . .

SPAIN now has its own match-fixing scandal — involving Malaga and Salamanca at the bottom of the first division.

It's nothing like the size of the Italian trouble — infact only one match appears to be involved — but many people believe this to be only the tip of an annual iceberg.

Salamanca, struggling to stay out of the relegation zone, hammered Malaga — already condemned — by 3-0. Troubled Malaga — already penalised three points by the FEF as I reported last month because they refused to accept a ground suspension — fined several players for not trying.

Two days later, however, the matter took a more serious turn when Malaga centre-forward Jose Orozco said he had been approached twice before the game to help assure a Salamanca victory.

An emergency committee of the FEF heard a statement from Orozco in which he said he had reported the matter to his captain Migueli (no relation to the Barcelona player) and told only his wife.

Orozco wouldn't admit to the Press the name of the contact, but all became pretty clear the next day when the committee called before them Raul Castronovo, an Argentinian who had played for both Malaga and Salamanca and is now with Algeciras.

Castronovo had been seen in the Salamanca dressing room after the match and the committee wasted no time suspending him pending a full inquiry. It seems four or more Malaga players will be in hot water, too.

The bottom of the table now looks like this: Malaga have 17 points, Burgos 20, Hercules 24, Rayo Vallecano 26, and Almeria and Salamanca 28. With three teams to go down and three games to go it would seem this controversial victory had just about lifted Salamanca to safety.

Whether their first division status survives the FEF inquiry has yet to be seen. But judging by the soft line taken in the past against clubs in such situations, I would be surprised if they suffered anything more than embarrassment.

Unhappy

Malaga, meanwhile, seems more and more of a risk as a 1982 World Cup site. The Rosaleda stadium is due a couple of first round games but after relegation the directors may not be so happy about spending £2 million on stadium development. The problem is that, unlike a number of Spanish stadia, the Rosaleda is the club's own property, not rented from the local authority.

Malaga will receive a £650,000 grant from the organising committee but that still leaves them to find more than £1 million which the fans might prefer to see spent on new players.

On a wider front, the full scale of the cost of the World Cup is just beginning to dawn on Spain. The revelation came with this full list of estimates for stadia development:

Alicante £2 million (grant £900,000); Barcelona Nou Camp, £4 million (grant £1.7 million); Barcelona Sarria, £2.5 million (grant £1 million); Sevile Villamarin, £3.3 (£800,000); Elche, £1.5 million (grant £750,000); Gijon, £2.7 million (grant) £800,000); Coruna, £3.3 million (grant £600,000); Madrid Bernabeu, £4.6 million (grant £1.1 million); Madrid Calderon, £2.4 million (grant £1 million); Malaga, £2 million (grant £650,000); Oviedo, £2 million (grant £600,000); Seville Pizjuan, £2.4 million (grant £1million); Seville Villamarin, £3.3 million (grant £800,000); Valencia, £1.7 million (grant £800,000); Valladolid new stadium, £2 million (grant £800,000).

The municipally-owned stadia are those at Gijon, Coruna, Oviedo and Valladolid.

That all adds up to not far short of £40 million — or, if you like, the equivalent of ten Diego Maradonas. For £4 million is the sum Barcelona are ready to splash out on the 19-year-old Argentine wonder boy.

Some £3 million would go to Argentinos Juniors, making Maradona the world's most expensive player, and £1 million would go to him. The clubs signed a pre-sale contract but the deal seems unlikely to go ahead since the Argentine FA will insist on keeping Maradona among Cesar Menotti's list of players who may not leave the country until after the next World Cup.

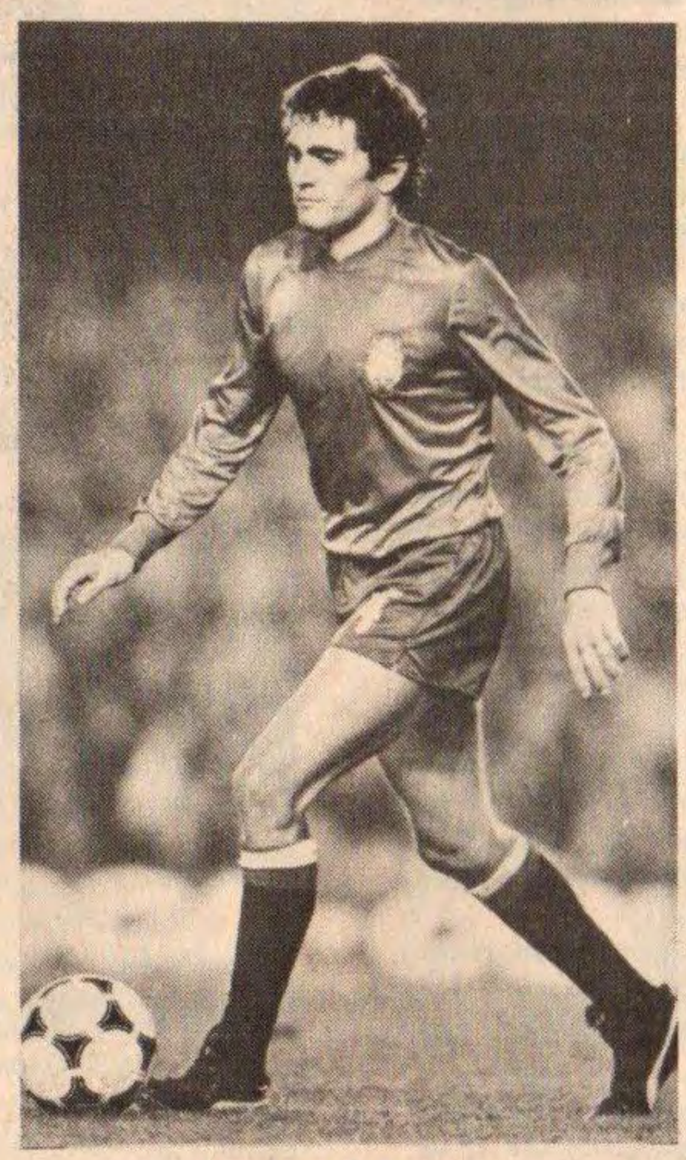
When news of the agreement leaked out, it did not — surprisingly enough — meet with anything like total approval in Catalonia.

The Catalan Communist Party denounced the deal as shameful in a time of economic and financial depression and several of Barcelona's own players ridiculed it.

"That's far too much for any footballer," said Allan Simonsen, while defender Canito commented: "I didn't think they had that sort of money to spend. But if they have, it's mad to spend it all on one player."

President Jose Luis Nunez clearly saw matters in similar terms to the signing of Johan Cruyff in 1973 by presidential predecessor, Agustin Montal.

He explained: "The deal would be paid over a six-year period with at least £1 million coming from promotional deals with multi-national corporations. These contracts are already signed. We can easily stand the cost. In fact, it could earn the club around £7 million."



Rafael Gordillo

Sounds like so much pie in the sky. Certainly all the hot air surrounding Maradona can in no way affect the realities in Spanish football — the basic fact that, as I write, Real Sociedad lead Real Madrid by one point, with two games to go.

Real Sociedad, now 32 league games undefeated*, benefited from the shock waves engendered by champions madrid's thrashing by Hamburg in Europe. The Sunday after, while Real Sociedad won 3-1 at Burgos, Neruy Madrid were held 1-1 in Seville — thus providing the Basques with a point advantage at the top.

Madrid had no excuses about the Hamburg catastrophe.

"They had a good night and we had a bad one," said coach Vujadin Boskov. "Keegan wasn't worth a penny on his Madrid performance, but this time he looked a million dollars."

Skipper Pirri may be having second thoughts about retiring at the end of the season now — but he's not the only Madrid veteran in the news.

The 1950s star, Jose Santamaria, has just scored the biggest success of his coaching career, guiding the Olympic team to the Moscow Games — albeit thanks to a squad of young professionals who included full internationals in Urquiaga of Real Sociedad and midfielder David of Gijon.

Whatever the ethics, no one's complaining!

*Castilla, Real Madrid's second division team, beat Sociedad in the Cup quarter-finals.

FRANCE

by Andre Duclos

ONNIS TO STAY AT MONACO

DOWN in the South and on the coast, it looks as if Delio Onnis will be leading the Monaco attack again next season, despite all the rumours that the club have been seeking a new leader.

Hansi Krankl would have suited them, but there wasn't much point in going along the coast to acquire the Yugoslav centre-forward Bjekovic from Nice; a man who made it clear that he did not want to go down with the ship; or down to the Second Division with the team. Bjekovic is 31, the same age as the Argentinian Onnis, who returned to the Monaco side after long absence through injury to go on scoring goals. Monaco saw little point in buying a centre-forward as old as the man whom they already had.

In the case of Jan Van Beveren, the blond Dutch international goalkeeper who missed two World Cups, not to mention a Nations Cup, because he wasn't keen to play for his country, retention of First Division status was a *sine qua non* of his agreeing to come to Olympique Marseille.

He was very keen to leave PSV Eindhoven, the team which originally paid a small fortune to get him, for the big port. His wife liked the idea, and he preferred Marseille to a number of better placed teams from more Nordic climes. But he said, it was essential that they were not relegated.

His advice to the team, of a somewhat generic variety, was to be at their best and most dedicated, both on and off the field.

Marseille have certainly been in need of good advice from somewhere in a truly disastrous season. On the door of his Presidential office, M. Carlini affixed a sign: "The President is working. Time is money and Olympique Marseille has need of it".

Marseille were saved from extinction through bankruptcy by the skin of their teeth because it was decided by the tribunal that their disappearance could "cause grave trouble to the regional economy".

Christian Carlini, who has been fighting with every means to save the club, says that when he came to power he had nothing but enemies among the 36 directors; every single one of them coveted the Presidency for himself, although it was the kind of job which no one in his right mind would be likely to want. Such is the mystique and the glamour of the club. Carlini says he was seen as an intruder.

But he and his group managed to rustle up enough money to keep the wolf from the door — even though his first displeasing discovery was that this debt was just about double the size he'd been led to believe.

Somehow or other, his predecessor had forgotten to tell him about a five-million franc tax payment. Next came another nasty shock. The Japanese-backed football boot manufacturers, Pony, were prepared to come through with three million francs. But Carlini found the club had an unbreakable contract with Adidas.

So Carlini, in his own words, had to muddle through with his own resources. A wealthy travel agent, he managed to rise to the demanding occasion. "I'm a bluffer not a liar," he will say of himself. He would have liked to take over three years ago, when obliged to paddle about in the shadows — working loyally and hard — with a little local club. But they didn't take him seriously then, he says. All it needed at the time was a million francs, but no one was prepared to believe that he could lay his hands on them, "despite a bank statement. My election last December was a nice personal revenge."

Who has been to blame? Victor Zvunka, seven years a player of the club, brother of Jules, the man, another player in his time, who keeps coming back for brief periods to manage it, says that no one specific is guilty, but that there have been Presidents who just understood nothing at all. They just got elected in his view to get themselves publicity which, he suggests with some restraint, isn't the ideal situation. He has nothing at all yet he says with which to reproach Christian Carlini; he merely limits himself to observing that when things begin to go wrong, every President so far has made the same mistakes.

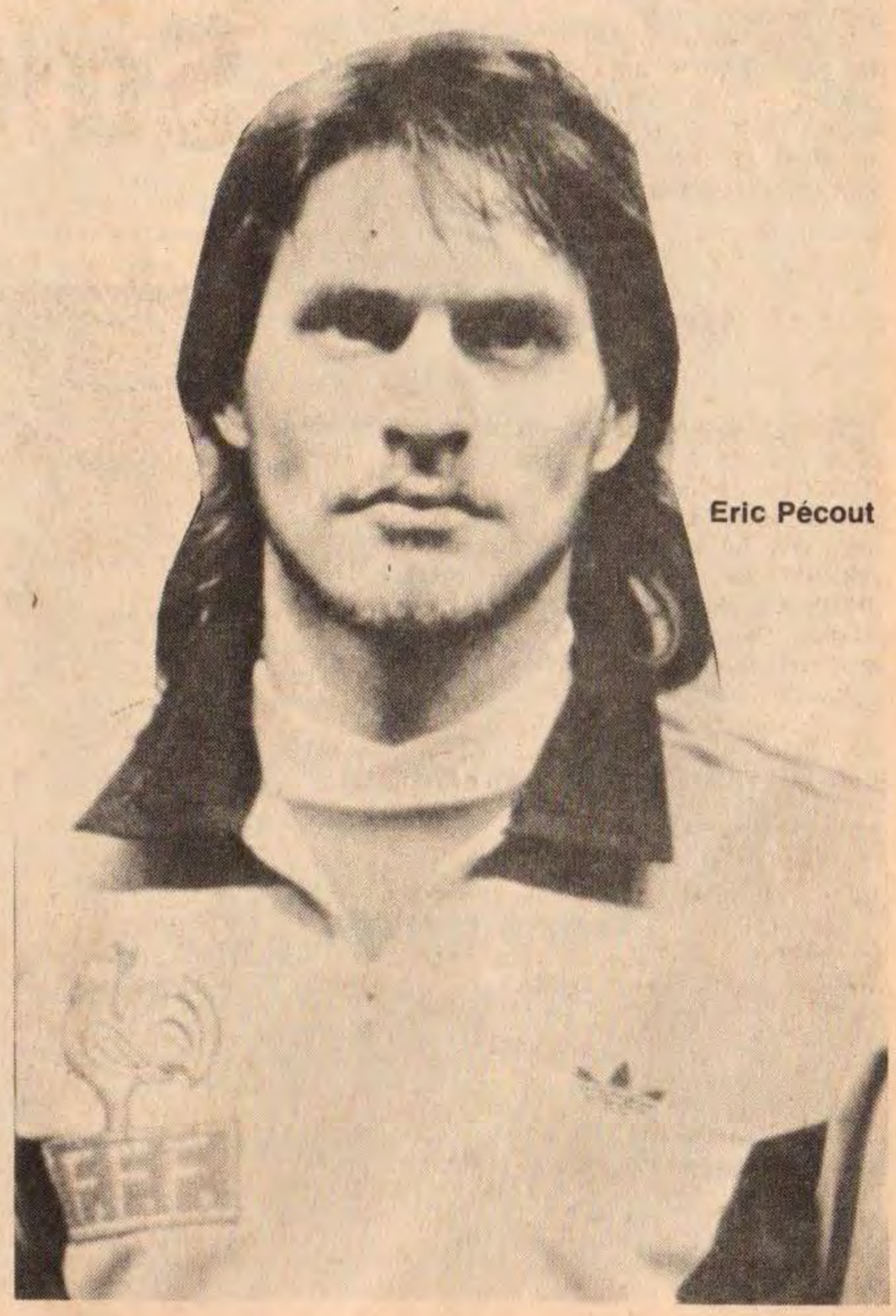
Carlini pressed into service as manager the long serving youth team coach, Jean Robin. "There's not much love lost between him and us," says Victor Zvunka, whose brother's dismissal cleared the way for Robin. As for Robin, he says that every Marseille President has set out wanting to do well, but has ended by doing harm.

"They don't reflect enough and above all they never think about the club. Their sole obsession is the professional team. Since Leclerc (ex-President), transfer-expenditure has been reckless. The Brazilian era under Meric (*Paulo Cesar and company arrived, did very little at great cost, and went home*) cost four million francs. That is why today we have nothing. One cannot yet judge Christian Carlini, but he at least seems to place confidence in the specialists and doesn't involve himself in anything but the finances."

That could be a prett useful start. Carlini says the important thing for the club is to be serious, then it will get out of its troubles; and we will be serious, he says. A "curator" has been put in to control the once profligate expenses of the club, and Robin says that although this means tightening belts, it is a good thing. "We are entering the years of the lean cows, and that is good for the club." Let us fervently hope so.

Disappointing anti-climaxes in the European competitions, where Saint Etienne, Strasbourg and finally Nantes, blitzed in the return Cup-winners' Cup in Valencia, fell by the wayside, we had consolation in the fine victory by the French junior team in the tournament of Cannes. Nantes among others have been reproached by our critics for not allying physical force, stamina and high morale to their undoubted talent, but you could not reproach the young French side for that.

They won every game in a canter, with three goals against the Romanians, five each against the Italians and the Irish, seven against the Americans, who were oddly the only team to score against them. Saint Etienne's boy wonder, Laurent Paganelli was among those impressively present. He was leading tournament scorer — with five.



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European Cup Final preview . . . Nottin

CLOUGH AND KEEGAN? IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!

Scottish international Frank Gray comes away from a grounded George Berry of Wolves at Wembley in the 1980 League Cup Final.

BRIAN CLOUGH against Kevin Keegan. The cult figure manager against the archetypal modern player. In other words, Nottingham Forest against Hamburg, with the Champions' Cup at stake.

It's not that simple, of course. Nottingham Forest's amazing success has been built on far more than the ego of Clough, and Hamburg were a force before Keegan came along, and will remain so after he has departed for Southampton in a few weeks' time.

But, after the more recent mundane finals of Europe's top club tournament, how refreshing to find two balanced teams who can provide the fans — millions of them, thanks to television — with a charisma clash.

You can go further with the analogy. Football has declined as an entertainment the more power and publicity has accrued to managers and away from the players.

Now comes a player with the chance to restore the balance, restore the upper hand to the men on the pitch. That player is, of course, Keegan, twice European footballer of the year, England captain, and the Mighty Mouse who overcame all that envy and suspicion of the dark early days in West Germany.

It's the first Champions' Cup Final with so many English interests. Not only are Hamburg looking to Keegan for their match-winning inspiration, for the past year they've also looked to BP of all people for the fuel injection of a lucrative sponsorship.

But in all the fuss over Clough v. Keegan, don't forget Branko Zebec. The Hamburg chief coach has attracted the wrong kind of publicity lately. Stomach operations, tablets, pills and one drink too many brought him to the brink of drunken disgrace at a league game in Dortmund.

Hard driver

But that one lapse apart, Zebec remains a hard driver of a team and an astute tactician. If anything, the absence of Trevor Francis from Forest's line-up because of injury will only put him even more on alert: for Forest, ironically, now carry into battle an element of surprise.

How will they adjust to the absence of England's first £1 million footballer? That is the big question.

One factor not in doubt is Forest's ability to rise to the big occasion. Look through the team — there's not the sort of individual explosive potential to set defences trembling before the kick-off.

But look at Forest as a block and here is one of British football's most resolute fighting machines. *A team par excellence.* Men who work, chase, tackle and break . . . with devastating effectiveness. Good enough last year to win the European Cup at a canter.

But good enough this year . . . ?

For this has been a different year. The quality of the semi-finalists underlined that. So Ajax and Real Madrid are not the teams of yore. But Madrid on their day remain one of the most entertaining in Europe. That they should have been so utterly demolished by Hamburg should serve as a warning to Forest.

And while Forest are only just completing their second season in Europe in recent years, don't forget Hamburg's greater experience of the big European occasion. Setting Keegan to one side, it's likely that the Bernabeu stadium will see seven of the men who lifted Hamburg to victory three years ago in the Cup-winners' Cup Final against Anderlecht in Amsterdam.

Huge feet

General manager Günter Netzer and Zebec have had their own schooling. Netzer will always be remembered for the way his huge feet delicately took England apart at Wembley in 1972; further back, and there are still plenty to remember Zebec as FIFA's outside-left in the 1953 4-4 draw with England, also at Wembley.

Later Zebec, his 65 caps a matter for the past, helped firm up the foundations on which Bayern Munich built their mid-1970s mastery of Europe. And yet it's Bayern's record which provides the sort of omen on which superstitious Forest fans may happily rely.

On ten previous occasions have the holders reached the following year's final. And only once have they then been beaten. Nine out of ten holders have successfully defended in a succeeding final. The failures? Benfica, against Milan at Wembley back in 1963.

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Oesters Vaxjoe defender Bjorklund tussles with Nottingham Forest's Martin O'Neill during their European Cup First Round tie.

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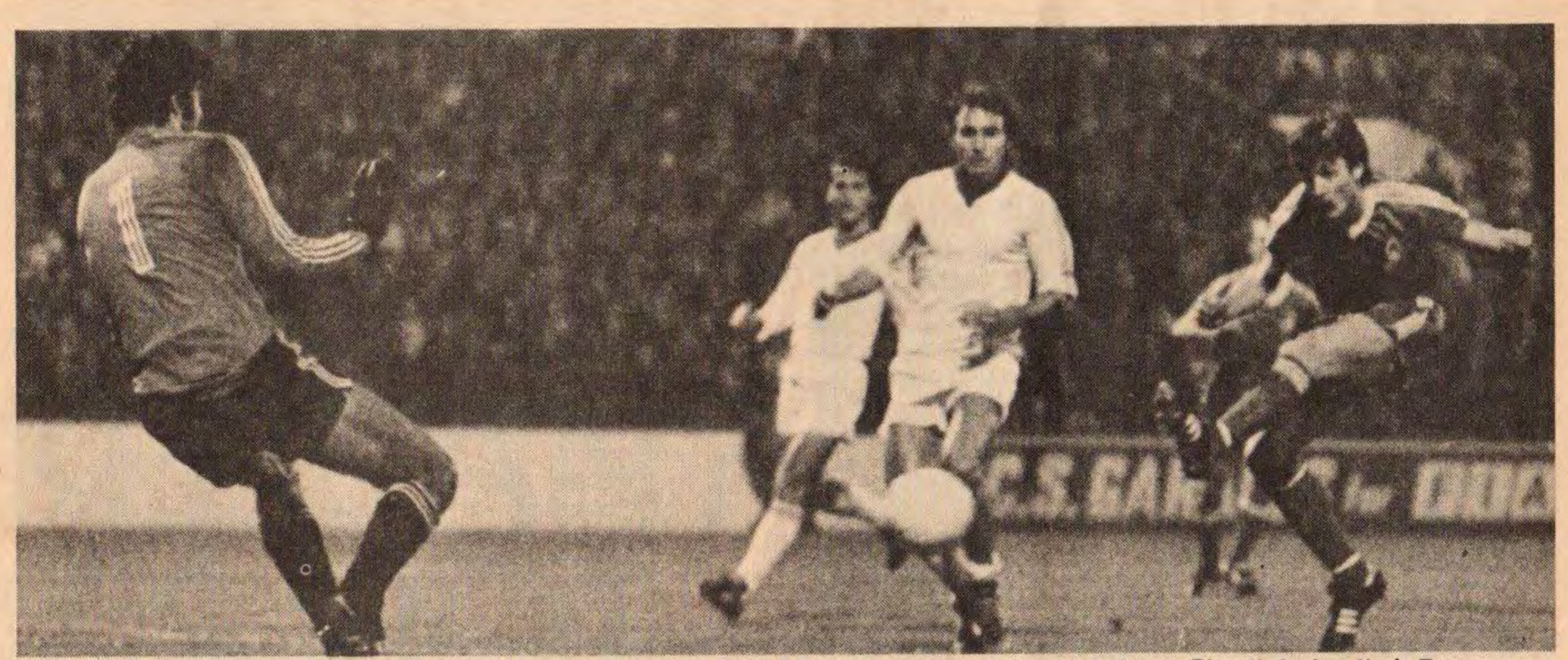
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	Age	Caps
GOAL		
PETER SHILTON	30	30
DEFENCE		
VIV ANDERSON	23	3
LARRY LLOYD	30	3
KENNY BURNS	25	15 Scot
FRANK GRAY	25	8 Scot
MIDFIELD		
JOHN McGOVERN	32	0
IAN BOWYER	29	0
STAN BOWLES	31	5
JOHN ROBERTSON	27	18
ATTACK		
MARTIN O'NEILL	27	32 N. Ire
GARRY BIRTLES	23	1
SUBS		
Jim Montgomery	36	0
Bryn Gunn	19	0
Dave Needham	30	0
Gary Mills	18	0
John O'Hare	36	13 Scot

HAMBERGER SPORT VEREIN	Age	Caps
RUDI KARGUS	27	3
MANFRED KALTZ	27	34
DIETMAR JAKOBS	26	0
IVAN BULJAN	30	30
PETER HIDIEN	26	0
KEVIN KEEGAN	29	50
CASPAR MEMERING	26	2
PETER NOGLY	33	4
FELIX MAGATH	26	2
HORST HRUBESCH	29	2
WILLIE REIMANN	30	0
Jürgen Stars	31	0
Uwe Beginski	20	0
Holger Hieronymus	21	0
Jürgen Milewski	22	0
Bernd Weymeier	27	0

European Cup Final preview . . . Nottin



Garry Birtles scores Nottingham Forest's second goal in their 2-0 win over Romanian club Arges Pitesti during their European Cup, Second Round first leg encounter at the City Ground back in October.

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This final will sort out one rivalry. England and West Germany are level at one apiece in mutual combat in the final. Bayern beat Leeds in 1975, Liverpool beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in 1977. Interesting . . . when you consider that these two nations are perpetually engaged in proclaiming how their own brand of football is Europe's best, their leagues the most competitive.

Hamburg have demonstrated that factor to themselves rather more than Forest this season. While the European champions have been left behind by Liverpool and Co, and even seen their two-year grip on the League Cup ended in the final by Wolves, Hamburg have been involved in a desperate neck-and-neck struggle with Bayern.

It may be significant that they have maintained their bid to hold their domestic title and slug it out in Europe, though their reserve strength — particularly in defence — hardly appears adequate for a club with such ambition.

Across the back four Manni Kaltz — the best attacking full-back in Europe — the Yugoslav Ivan Buljan, 1979 signing Dietmar Jacobs, and left back Peter Hidien, make up a firm enough unit. but Hidien is fighting for his fitness and should he fail to make the kick-off then it's probably to veteran Peter Nogly that Hamburg must look.

And it might well suit Forest to pile on the pressure down the right wing, with the pace and skills of Martin O'Neill threat enough to prove that Forest can manage happily without Francis.

In midfield, Hamburg will lean on another line of four. Jimmy Hartwig won't make Madrid — he's recovering from a cartilage operation. But with Keegan around, Caspar Memering, skipper Felix Magath and possibly Holger Hieronymus, Hamburg are capable of setting Forest a string of problems.

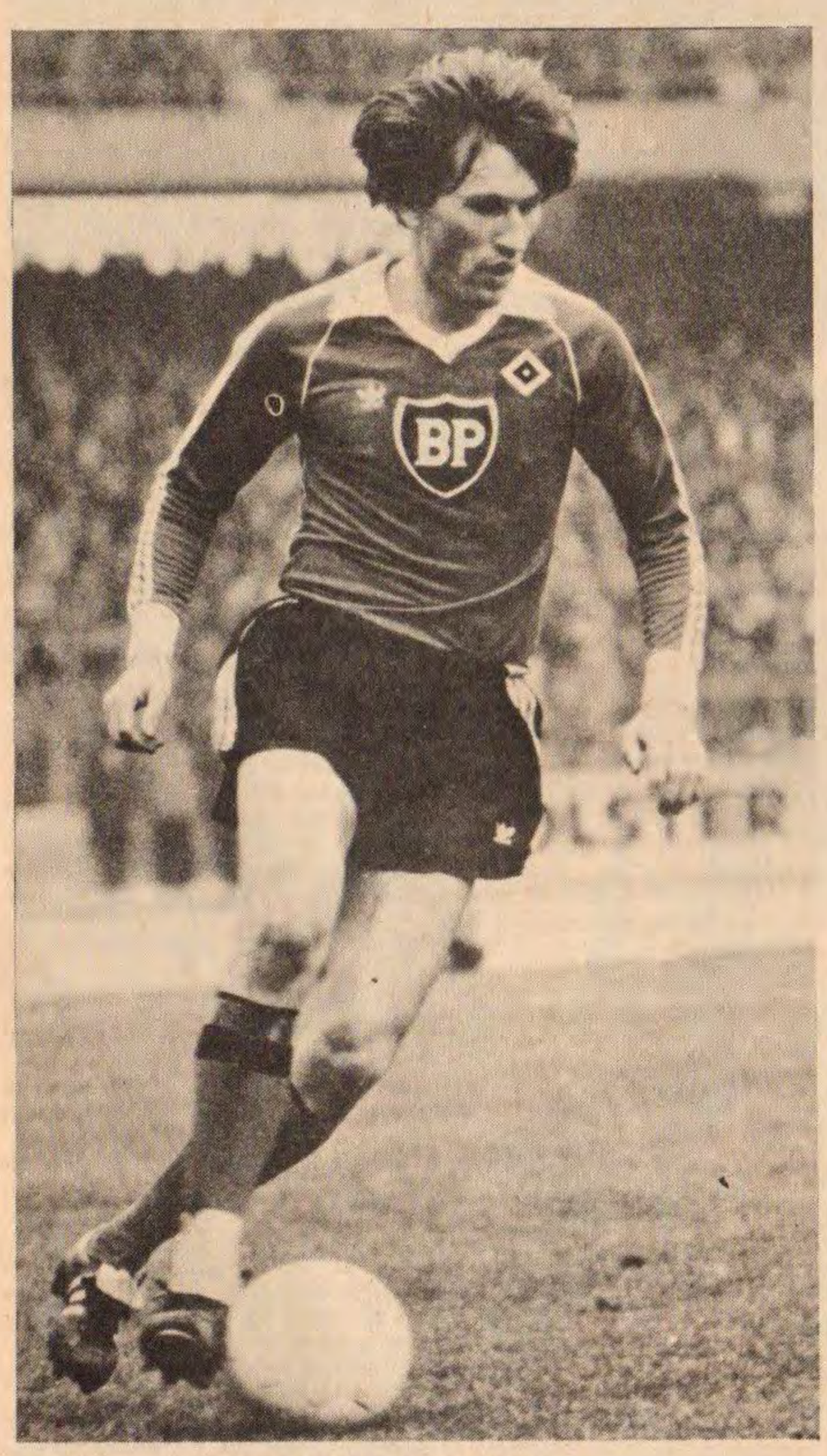
Hieronymus is the doubt. Not because of injury, but because of his youth. Despite the claim of his brilliant goal against Hajduk Split in the quarter-finals he is still only 21 and inexperienced. It may be that Hamburg will prefer to use Nogly in front of the back four, counting on his experience to double-bolt the gate on Garry Birtles.

Up front Horst Hrubesch, West Germany's new spearhead, and Willi Reimann pick themselves — with Jürgen Milewski, a frequent UEFA Cup scorer last season with Hertha Berlin, in reserve.

Against them Forest also have a crew who pick themselves — the back four of Anderson, Lloyd, Burns and Frank Gray, the latter signed after last year's dull victory over Malmö to fill the gap left by the retirement of Frank Clark.

There's a new name in midfield, too — the controversial Stan Bowles, the wayward wanderer signed in mid season just in time to help Forest win the European Supercup against Barcelona. They joke at the City Ground that they had to prise him away from the trophy afterwards — he'd never won anything before.

But it is also in midfield that Forest's uncertainties begin. To replace Francis, whose ligament injury in a meaningless end-of-season League game could prove so costly to England let alone Forest, Clough has a number of options. He could bring in young Gary Mills up front; or he could push Martin O'Neill forward down the right and bring in Ian Bowyer, who has looked a different player in the heightened atmosphere of European competition; or he could play with four in midfield, and leave Birtles and John Robertson to forage alone up front.



Manny Kaltz, Hamburg sv.

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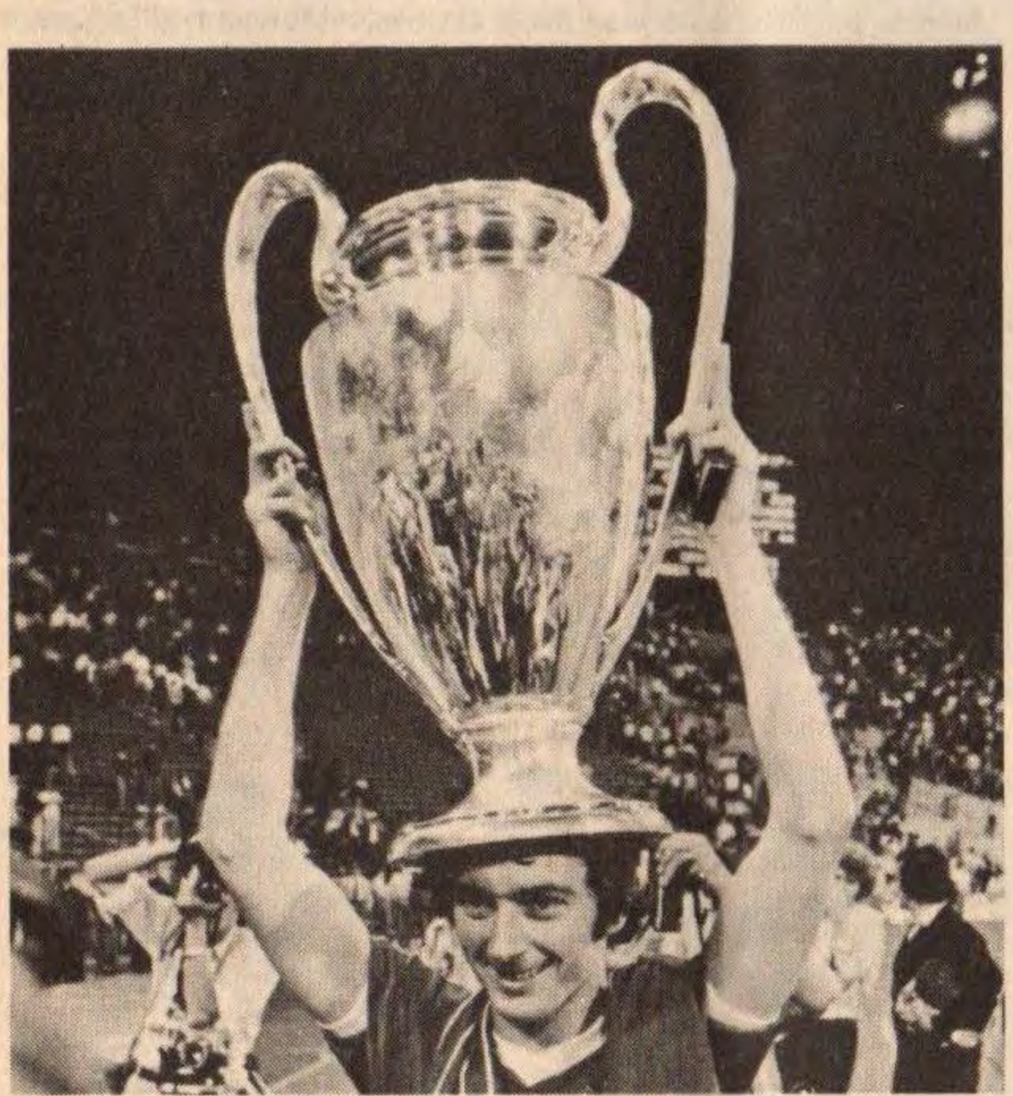
HAMBURGER SPORT VEREIN

Founded: 1887.
Cup-winners' Cup: 1977. Runners-up 1968.
League: 1922 (refused), 1923, 1928, 1960, 1979.
Cup: 1963, 1967.
League Cup: 1973.
President: Wolfgang Klein.
General Manager: Günter Netzer.
Team Coach: Branko Zebec.

Champions' Cup Record

1960-61
5-0 3-3 v Young Boys Berne
1-3 4-1 v Burnley (q-f)
0-1 2-1 0-1 v Barcelona (s-f)

1979-80
3-0 v Valur — Hrubesch 2, Buljan
2-1 v Valur — Hrubesch, Weymeier
5-1 on agg.
3-1 v Tbilisi — Maicahdze own goal, Keegan, Hartwig
3-2 v Tbilisi — Keegan, Hrubesch, Buljan
6-3 on agg.
1-0 v Hajduk Split — Reimann
2-3 v Hajduk Split — Hrubesch, Hieronymus
3-3 on agg. — away goals (qtr fnls)
0-2 v Real Madrid
5-1 v Real Madrid — Kaltz 2 (1 pen), Hrubesch 2, Memering
5-3 on agg (semi-finals)
Total 15 9-1-5 34-20.



Flashback to last year's final when Forest's single goal hero against Malmö, Trevor Francis, paraded around the Olympic Stadium in Munich with the trophy. Alas for the England international, he misses this year's tussle with Hamburg due to a freak Achilles tendon injury.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Founded: 1865.
Champions' Cup: 1979.
League: 1978.
FA Cup: 1898, 1959.
League Cup: 1978, 1979. Runners-up: 1980.
Chairman: Geoffrey Macpherson.
Manager: Brian Clough.
Asst. Manager: Peter Taylor.

Champions' Cup Record

1978-79
2-0 0-0 v Liverpool
2-1 5-1 v AEK Athens
4-1 1-1 v Grasshoppers Zurich (q-f)
3-3 1-0 v Köln (s-f)
1-0 v Malmö (final — Munich)

1979-80
2-0 v Oesters Vaxjo — Bowyer 2
1-1 v Oesters Vaxjo — Woodcock
3-1 on agg.
2-0 v Arges Pitesti — Woodcock, Birtles
2-1 v Arges Pitesti — Bowyer, Birtles
4-1 on agg.
0-1 v Dynamo E. Berlin
3-1 v Gynamo E. Berlin — Francis 2, Robertson pen.
3-2 on agg. (qtr fnls)
2-0 v Ajax Amsterdam — Francis, Robertson pen.
0-1 v Ajax Amsterdam
2-1 on agg. (semi-finals)
Total 17 11-4-2 31-12.

PREVIOUS FINALS

1956 (Paris) — Real Madrid 4, Reims 3
1957 (Madrid) — Real Madrid 2, Fiorentina 0
1958 (Brussels) — Real Madrid 3, Milan 2 — aet
1959 (Stuttgart) — Real Madrid 2, Reims 0
1960 (Glasgow) — Real Madrid 7, Eintracht Frankfurt 3
1961 (Basle) — Benfica 3, Barcelona 2
1962 (Amsterdam) — Benfica 5, Real Madrid 3
1963 (Wembley) — Milan 2, Benfica 1
1964 (Vienna) — Internazionale 3, Real Madrid 1
1965 (Milan) — Inter 1, Benfica 0
1966 (Brussels) — Real Madrid 2, Partizan 1
1967 (Lisbon) — Celtic 2, Inter 1
1968 (Wembley) — Manchester United 4, Benfica 1 — aet
1069 (Madrid) — Milan 4, Ajax Amsterdam 1
1970 (Milan) — Feyenoord 2, Celtic 1 — aet
1971 (Wembley) — Ajax 2, Panathinaikos 0
1972 (Rotterdam) — Ajax 2, Inter 0
1973 (Belgrade) — Ajax 1, Juventus 0
1974 (Brussels) — Bayern Munich 4 Atletico Madrid 0
(Replay after 1-1)
1975 (Paris) — Bayern 2, Leeds 0
1976 (Glasgow) — Bayern 1, Saint-Etienne 0
1977 (Rome) — Liverpool 3, Borrussia Mg 1
1978 (Wembley) — Liverpool 1, Brugge 0
1979 (Munich) — Nottingham Forest 1, Malmö FF 0

Winners: 5 — Real Madrid. 3 — Ajax, Bayern. 2 — Benfica, Liverpool, Internazionale, Milan. 1 — Celtic, Man. Utd., Nottm Forest, Feyenoord.

But then, that's hardly Robertson's game. He likes finishing, but he likes to start the moves as well.

The teams have their respective strengths. The raiding of Kaltz, the dynamism of Keegan, the support of Memering and Magath, the power of Hrubesch on the one hand; the spirit of Burns, the hustle of McGovern, the persuasive left foot of Robertson and the skill of Birtles, on the other.

It's when you come to sorting out the weaknesses that you may start to separate the teams. Hamburg, with Hidien short of match practice or Nogly short of pace, could have a weak link at left back; and without Hartwig they might misfire occasionally in midfield.

You'll notice that I haven't yet mentioned the goalkeepers. Because this is where the teams are typified. Forest in the consistent and secure Peter Shilton; Hamburg by the sometimes brilliant, sometimes blundering Rudi Kargus.

Over a dozen meetings I's believe in the reliability of Shilton, and Forest winning the lion's share. But on one night in May, it might just be that the skilled inspiration of Kargus and Hamburg can overcome their own soft spots and their opponents' strengths.

The more exciting the game — and it's about time we had an exciting Champions' Cup Final — the more likely a Hamburg victory.

Whoever does emerge on top will instantly claim for their country a major psychological advantage going into the European Championship. But supposing Hamburg win, with Keegan?

Look at it that way, and England can't lose.

Can I say the same for Forest? Last year, at this very time before this very occasion, I said that the Clough-Peter Taylor duo had created so much success with such consistency, that sooner rather than later it would have to come to an end.

Having seen both teams this season, and having seen them play both brilliantly and badly, I think maybe the time has come.

Looking at one of the most evenly-balanced of all finals without a lot of confidence, I think Hamburg may just have the edge.

But only just . . . .

WEST GERMANY

by Arthur Rotmil

New record in European competition

WEST GERMAN football can be proud of its strong club sides. Three teams reached the finals of European competitions and in the UEFA-Cup they have set a new record: The five Bundesliga clubs who entered the tournament, remained unbeaten against any foreign opposition.

Borussia Mönchengladbach, the holders, Eintracht Frankfurt, Bayern Munich, Kaiserslautern and VfB Stuttgart in fact eliminated each other until just Borussia and Eintracht were left to contest the two-legged final. And in the champions Cup Hamburger SV staged one of the great come-backs in the history of the competition by overhauling a 0-2 away leg deficit to shatter the six-times European Cup winners Real Madrid by 5-1 to reach the final against the holders Nottingham Forest. Even in the Cup Winners Cup final there was a German in action: Rainer Bonhof who played for Valencia.

No one who saw Hamburg demolish Real Madrid will ever forget it. The Germans stormed to a 4-1 half-time lead, but it could have been more if they had taken all their chances. Keegan, who was marked out of the game in the first leg by the tenacious Perez Garcia, had a brilliant match, and so did Kaltz and Hrubesch who each scored twice. Manni Kaltz, recently voted both the best full-back and outside-right (!) in German football, was on the mark with two fierce shots, first from a penalty and the other with a 25-yard-drive both right-footed.

Horst Hrubesch, nicknamed "the monster", the new centre-forward of the national side, scored with two magnificent headers, first from a right-wing centre by Reimann and the second from a left-wing cross by Memering. And it was Memering who hit the fifth in the last minute after the irrepressible Hrubesch laid on a chance which he could hardly miss.

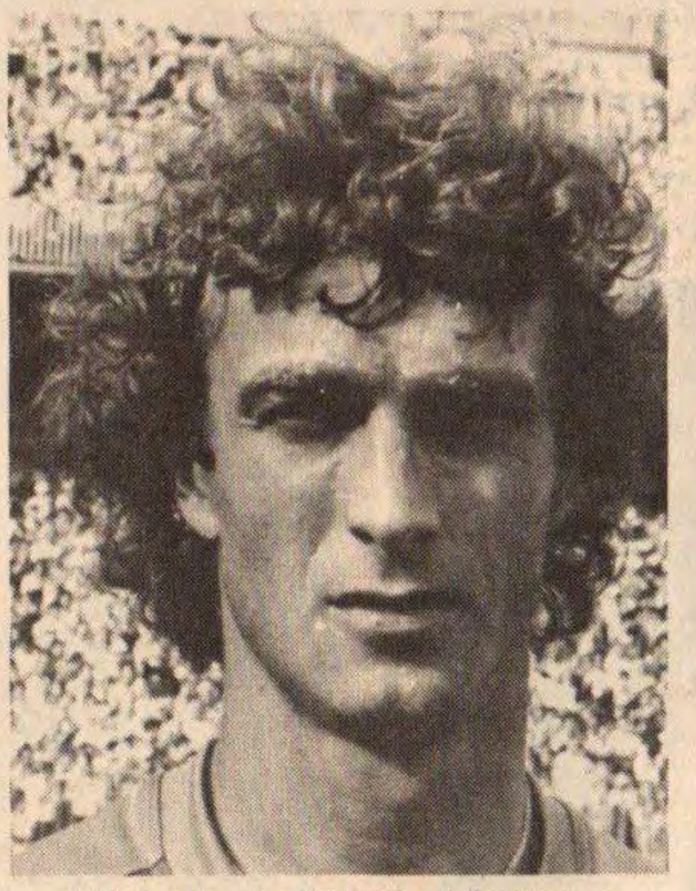
Power

It is obvious that Nottingham Forest will have to pay particular attention to the foraging Kaltz, but above all to Hrubesch, whose aerial power is reminiscent of the legendary Uwe Seeler, the idol of the Hamburg fans.

Hrubesch is Hamburg's top scorer both in the European Cup and in the Bundesliga. In eight European ties he scored seven goals (scoring in every round). Kaltz, Buljan and Keegan got two each. In the championship, as I write, Hrubesch hit 17 goals in 29 matches; the next best Hamburg marksmen were left behind: Hartwig 9 and Keegan 8.

Hamburg have also smashed all records for match receipts in West German football: The Volksparkstadion, which holds 61,314 was sold out, although admission prices were raised by up to 50 per cent. Together with television fees, around the ground advertising, etc., it is thought that the club collected between £500,000 and £600,000.

Other German clubs were green with envy. The UEFA Cup semi-final tie Bayern Munich v. Eintracht Frankfurt drew only 14,000, the return in Frankfurt a more respectable 50,000. VfB Stuttgart had 40,000 for the other all-German clash with Borussia Mönchengladbach, who only attracted 22,000 for the return.



Rainer Bonhoff of West Germany.

But over Hamburg there was a cloud overshadowing their stunning progress abroad and at home. Their Yugoslav team manager Branko Zebec (50) arrived in an intoxicated state for the Bundesliga match v. Borussia Dortmund. It transpired that Zebec missed the team bus, followed it in a rented car, but was stopped by police who after taking a blood sample took away his driving licence.

Condition

Next day at the match, Zebec was again in poor condition and he spent the second-half of the game sitting in the team bus. After an apology to the board he was allowed to take his usual place on the bench for the European tie against Real.

It is, however, a fact that Zebec who has had several stomach operations and is suffering from diabetes is taking pills and they clearly do not mix with alcohol.

VfB Stuttgart's Austrian international Roland Hattenburger shoots past the challenge of Dortmund's Hütes during their German Cup quarter-final clash.

Hansi Muller, the VfB Stuttgart and West German striker.

Another important transfer already completed was that of the 19 times-capped forward Rüdiger Abramczik who is leaving Schalke for Borussia Dortmund for £275,000 (another figure inserted into the players' contract). There was more bad news for Schalke, who have already lost centre-forward Klaus Fischer with a broken leg.

Now their international goalkeeper Norbert Nigbur has had a cartilage removed and was out of action for weeks. This was a bad blow also to the national team manager Jupp Derwall, who already has enough problems trying to find a replacement for Fischer. It is hoped that at least Nigbur will recover in time for the European Championship finals.

After a long wait the 1.FC Kaiserslautern finally fielded their man: Lutz Eigendorf (25) who last year defected, when his club Dynamo East Berlin played a friendly against L.FCK. He has now completed the one-year suspension imposed by FIFA, during which time he trained with and was kept by Kaiserslautern.

On the managerial front the unprecedented chase after one man — Jürgen Sundermann, lately of Grasshoppers Zurich, has ended. Sundermann who was being linked with Cologne, Bayern Munich, Hertha, Bochum, Bremen and Eintracht Frankfurt, has finally, as expected, joined VfB Stuttgart whom he managed only a year ago.

Hamburg will miss in the final their coloured international midfielder Jimmy Hartwig (25) who had a cartilage operation and is out till the end of the season. And there are now rumours that their goalkeeper Rudi Kargus wants to leave the club. Eintracht Frankfurt have already made a firm offer, but Hamburg were asking £437,000 which is rather steep, even if Rudi has played three times for the national side.

Interest

Hamburg's chief championship rivals were Bayern Munich who have disclosed their interest in the brilliant international midfielder Uli Stielike, currently with Real Madrid. The Bavarians were ready to pay the modest transfer fee of £125,000, but the player was negotiating a new contract with Real from whom he was demanding £250,000 for a two-year agreement, plus a clause which guarantees his release for all internationals.

Bayern's inexplicable slump in the UEFA Cup semi-final against Eintracht Frankfurt, has had a shattering effect on the club. After the 2-0 home win Bayern were comfortably holding their own, when Eintracht's Austrian international 'libero' Pezzey, who had already scored once, hit a second just four minutes from the end of normal time. In the extra period Eintracht romped home to a 5-1 victory. . .

Bayern reported a profit for the past financial year of just £55,000. The budget on the first team alone has reached nearly £3 million. The club was also delighted with the full recovery of their World Cup star centre-back Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, who after an operation on an Achilles tendon has resumed hs place in the side.

The 1.FC Köln (Cologne) parted company with their famous manager Hennes Weisweller before the end of the season. Weisweiler was leaving anyway for New York Cosmos, but a series of setbacks had precipitated a crisis in the ranks of the Rhinelanders.

Karl-Heinz Heddergott, whose appointment was timed for July 1, has taken over immediately. The team lost the chance of winning the championship, but was still well placed in the DFB-Cup having won their quarter-final away at Homburg/Saar by 4-1. Other qualifiers were Schalke who put out Bayreuth 3-1; Borussia Dortmund beat VfB Stuttgart 3-1, while Fortuna Düsseldorf, the holders, eliminated Kickers Offenbach by 5-2 a.e.t.

Cologne were also in the news following the announcement that they are negotiating with the brilliant international midfielder Rainer Bonhof who was in contractual dispute with Valencia. Bonhof, who has 51 caps, has never really settled down in Spain. Valencia wanted £350,000 for him, while Cologne were only offering £250,000, knowing that when his contract expires next year, he will be available at only £125,000.

Office

So far, eight clubs have already confirmed their managers in office: Hamburger SV — Branko Zebec (till 1982); Cologne — Karl-Heinz Heddergott (till 1982); Borussia Dortmund — Udo Lattek (till 1981); Kaiserslautern — Karl-Heinz Feldkamp (till 1981); 1860 Munich — Karl-Heinz Rühl (till 1981); Borussia Mönchengaldbach — Jupp Heynckes (till 1982); Bayer Leverkusen — Willibert Kremer (till 1981); Eintracht Brunswick — Uli Maslo (till 1982).

Bayer Uerdingen will most likely confirm a further term of office for Horst Buhtz, who himslf is still undecided. Eintracht Frankfurt are also dithering over Friedel Rausch, who is not very pleased with the delay. Fortuna Düsseldorf will not be renewing the contract with Otto Rehhagel, who is costing them £60,000 a year.

It is thought that either Horst Heese (Kickers Offenbach) or Werner Biskup (Preussen Münster) will replace him.

At Schalke no one yet knows who the new manager will be. The contracts of Pal Csernai (Bayern Munich) and Helmuth Johannsen (VfL Bochum) are fixed till 1981 — Csernai rejected a longer engagement, but Johannsen may well have to go, if Bochum are relegated. And Lothar Buchmann, deposed at Stuttgart, may be taking over in Frankfurt.

Under new management will be Hertha Berlin next season. They have signed up Uwe Klimaschefski (41), who spent nine years with Second Division FC Homburg/Saar and will take over in Berlin, even if the club are relegated, as seemed very likely. The position of team manager in German football is of course not quite the same as in the English Football League, for example. In the Bundesliga this post entails only the coaching, tactical and technical preparation, but no administrative tasks at all.

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FIFA FACE FINANC

JULES RIMET'S fame is starting to fade now that the World Cup trophy which bore his name is tucked safely away in some Brazilian vault.

But apart from being FIFA's long-serving president during the difficult yet progressive years in the middle of this 20th century, he was also something of a visionary.

And not all his visions were bright.

Not long before his death in the mid-1950s he warned that once money became more important than the sport, then football would have begun its inexorable decline — the inference being that some other activity would gradually start to usurp it as the world's No 1 sport.

I wonder what Rimet would say now seeing the size of transfer fees and also seeing the size of the financial problem which is rumoured to be building up inside FIFA.

If we're to believe the latest leaks from Zurich, then the world authority is losing up to £500,000 a year and not likely to make any savings unless there is drastic pruning of the worldwide coaching schemes, the world youth tournament, and the very size of the various committees.

True, or false?

We'll have to wait for the latest audit. One thing is certain: such stories serve to fuel European fears over the direction in which FIFA is going.

And EUFA general secretary Hans Bangerter warned again recently that there might come a time when Europe would pull out of FIFA and convert the European championship — plus a couple of invited South Americans — into the 'real' World Cup.

Regular readers might remember my making this forecast back in 1974 . . .

CHINA are taking their forthcoming World Cup campaign as seriously as you would expect. After all the tours — both by Chinese teams abroad and European sides beyond the Bamboo Curtain — they're now calling in the specialists, starting with defence. Chile's Elias Figueroa, three times South American player of the year, has been asked to run coaching courses in Peking.

COMING up to June means it's transfer time again, since contracts invariably end in the forthcoming month.

If freedom of contract has achieved anything, then it has been to increase transfer speculation.

After all, it's much more interesting to wonder whether a player will move, than whether he'll stay put, isn't it?

Already there are some concrete agreements — Rudi Krol will leave Ajax for Vancouver, Rob Rensenbrink will quit Anderlecht for Portland Timbers, and team-mate François Van der Elst is joining New York Cosmos.

Another Dutchman in the melting pot is Kees Kist. Although he's always professed himself content to stay with Alkmaar, rumours abound. Barcelona have been the most recent suitors and, following Hans Krankl's adamant refusal return and see out his contract in Spain, th Catalans may go back for Kist. They've alread had a £400,000 offer rejected.

Marious Tresor, the supple sweeper fro Marseille, is now the target for Stuttgart whi his previous pursuers, Bayern Munich, hav turned their attentions once more to Arsenal Liam Brady. Staying with the *Bundesliga* Eintracht Frankfurt are undecided about Brur Pezzey. A star in their UEFA Cup run, he missed half the league programme throug suspension. Whether he goes may depen on whether Frankfurt carry through the interest in Beerschot's Polish goalkeeper, Ja Tomaszewski.

Frankfurt certainly need a goalkeeper provide some cool thinking and securi Whether Tomaszewski is exactly the man, or, f that matter, the unpredictable Hamburg ma Rudi Kargus, must be open to doubt!

Then, there are the Italians . . . their club shopping lists feature Zbigniew Boniek, Rer and Willy Van der Kerkhof, Falcao and Zico Brazil, Hansi Müller, Herbert Prohaska, Krank etc.

All human strife is here.

Names in the news

NAMES IN THE NEWS . . . BAUDILIO JAUREGUI is sacked by Quilmes . . .JUAN CARLOS HEREDIA denies reports of a return from River Plate to Barcelona . . . LEOPOLDO LUQUE is a possible target for Strasbourg . . . KARL SCHLECHTA is new boss of Wiener SK . . . ROBERT LAMBERT is recalled by Brugge . . . TIM takes over Bangu . . . Gremio land Paraguayan star CARLOS KIESE . . . Strasbourg boss GILBERT GRESS is suspended for two months for speaking out of turn . . . CLAUDE CUNY quits for the second time as Nancy president . . . JAN PETERS, the two-goal hero of Holland's Wembley win in 1977, may be finished with football because of injury . . . Iceland star ATLE EDVALDSSON goes on trial with Borussia Dortmund . . . Luxembourg's CHICO ROHMANN is leaving Charleroi for San Diego . . . Mexican World Cup striker HUGO SANCHEZ is watched by several NASL clubs . . . East German defector LÜTZ EIGENDORF makes his debut for Kaiserslautern in the Bundesliga — as substitute.

Hans Krankl scores for FC Vienna again FC Rapid, his former Austrian club.

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CIAL CRISIS

WHAT is going on at Benfica? Mario Wilson quitting as coach, the directors in turmoil, the team trailing yet again in the championship, and now Jimmy Hagan has turned up with a claim for severence pay.

The parting of the ways was dramatic enough at the time, back in September 25, 1973, a few hours before the testimonial game for Eusebio.

During training Hagan warned Humberto, Toni and Diamantino that if they didn't comply with orders they would be dropped.

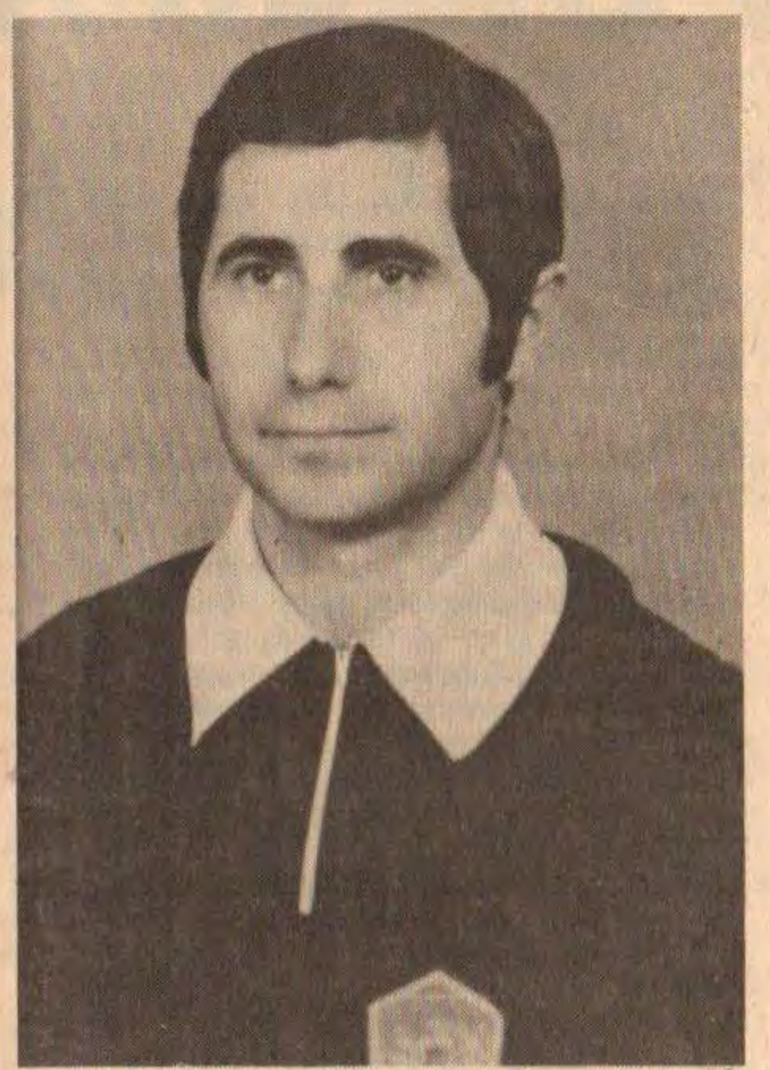
The players complained to president Borges Coutinho, who told Hagan that Humberto and Toni would have to play because of their popularity and seniority.

Hagan refused and was suspended.

Yet he had signed a new contract for two years only the previous month and is now claiming that Benfica should pay him £30,000.

The matter may well go to court. Hagan has primed as witnesses Eusebio, Antonio Simoes, Jaime Graça and Malta da Silva; also on his list was the journalist Couto e Santos, who died recently in a car crash. For Benfica, first-teamers then and now Humberto and Toni, may be called.

Troubles indeed for the Eagles of Lisbon.



Christov Vojtech, the Czechoslovakian referee who handled the Arsenal v. Valencia European Cup Winners' Cup final in Brussels.

A NAME to watch among referees is Christov Vojtech of Czechoslovakia, the man who handled the Arsenal-Valencia Cup-winners' Cup final.

For Vojtech, despite having been on the FIFA list for four years with impressive lists of matches to his credit, is still only 35.

Born in Vranov, his story is similar to that of many other top referees: a playing career ended early by injury — in his case a broken leg — and a desire to continue in the game in one capacity or another.

It took Vojtech only two years to make the FIFA list after coming into the Czechoslovak first division panel in 1974. In 1976 he was involved in the UEFA youth tournament in Hungary, controlled two European club ties in 1977, and has progressed from there.

Everton, West Bromwich, Glasgow Rangers and Scotland have all seen him in action at close quarters and it was his calm handling of the potentially explosive Real Madrid-Hamburg Champions' Cup first leg which earned him the place in Brussels.

HOME again, that's Florian Albert, the outstanding Hungarian centre forward and former European player of the year in the 1960s has returned home to his first love, Ferencvaros. Albert had been out coaching in Libya for the past two years.

A STATE takeover in the Soviet Union? Sounds like the obvious.

But bearing in mind that the Dynamo teams are recognised as the police sides, what else can one think seeing Dynamo Minsk, Dynamo Tbilisi, Dynamo Moscow, and Dynamo Kiev all level at the top of the table?

Strange nation, when it comes to football. All those footballers — 4,500,000 registered at the last count — and yet so little success to show for it.

It's almost as if the Russians had their own boycott going!

OBITUARY.—**Omar Sahnoun.** French football was stunned by the death of the Bordeaux international midfield player. Not yet 25, Sahnoun died from a heart attack during training. The son of an Algerian family, he made his name with Nantes, winning championship and cup medals and five full caps. he first suffered heart trouble in August 1977 but after stringent examinations and check-ups was thought to have made a full recovery. He joined Bordeaux from Nantes last summer.

Luis Saura. One of the pioneering players from the early days of Real Madrid, ex-colonel Saura died in March aged 87. An outside right in the days before Madrid became Real, he was later a referee and in 1940 and 1941 president of the Spanish football federation.

Where are they now?

LEV YASHIN. Born on October 22, 1929, couldn't make up his mind between ice hockey and football and was about to concentrate on hockey when Moscow Dynamo's top goalkeeper, Tiger Komich, was injured. Yashin took over and was first choice for almost 20 years before retiring in 1971. Played several times for the Rest of the World and won 100 caps. Now on the management committee of Dynamo as well as being overseer of the Olympic squad.

GOLDEN BOOT AWARD. **Leaders:** 37 goals — Van den Bergh (Lierse). 29 — Schachner (FK Austria), Jordao (Sporting Lisbon). 28 — Nene (Benfica), Ceulemans (Brugge). 26 — Staroukhin (Schakhtor). 24— Fazekas (Ujpest), Kist (Alkmaar).

WATCH OUT FOR . . . Jun 1: Belgian Cup Final . . . Jun 3: Bayern v W. Germany (Maier t'nial) . . . Jun 4: Hungary v Austria (Budapest) . . . Jun 8: Sweden v Israel (World Cup) — Brazil v Mexico . . . Jun 9: Iceland v Switzerland . . . Jun 11-22: European championship finals (Italy) . . . Jun 15: Brazil v Portugal . . . Jun 16-25: UEFA youth tournament (E. Germany) . . . Jan 29: Brazil v Yugoslavia.

WE TOLD YOU . . . **10 years ago,** that Jimmy Hagan had joined Benfica . . . that riot police were on standby in Mexico for the World Cup Finals . . . that Uruguay's Julio Cortes and Omar Caetano had been banned for six months for doping in a Libertadores Cup tie.

15 years ago, that Feyenoord veteran Coen Moulijn had broken a leg . . . that Helenio Herrera had signed a new contract with Internazionale for a basic £57,000 . . . that Austria had cut their first division to 12 clubs . . . that George Berry had quit as boss of Union Luxembourg . . . and that Anderlecht star Laurent Verbiest had been banned for eight months for assaulting a referee.

AFRICA

by James Mwambazi

'Go ahead' for professionalism

PROFESSIONALISM in African soccer has been given the "go ahead" by the African Football Confederation (CAF).

And any member country wishing to turn professional can now do so providing it has the resources to meet the enormous demands of the paid game. By this decision, CAF hopes to improve the quality of players and it could be a motivating force in improving the standard of play.

Presently, all CAF sponsored competitions — the Africa Cup of Nations, the Africa Cup of Club Champions, and the Africa Cup Winners Cup — are open to both amateurs and professionals. The only competitions which are strictly for amateurs, as far as CAF are concerned, are the All Africa Games under the umbrella of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, and the Olympic Games.

Of course, the decision by CAF to ask its affiliates to turn professional is an interesting one which may or may not succeed. Many African soccer clubs are poverty stricken, attendances at their matches are waning, and their pitches are in a poor condition.

If professionalism is to succeed, it will need the full backing of governments taking an active interest in the activities of professional football.

Nigeria is a good example. The civilian government of Shehu Shagari pumped six million Nigerian Naira into raising the standards of its football. Of course that was Nigeria. But how many African governments are prepared to inject money into projects like professional soccer? Certainly not many with the economic screws driving hard into their national coffers.

In Zambia, there has been quite a stir on the question of whether or not the national team should turn professional, and to get the consensus of the public, the government has appointed an independent committee, which will look into the feasibility of professional football. The government's decision will depend on the findings of the committee.

But Ghana have set the pace. Five of the 30 players registered by that country's champion club, Accra Hearts of Oak, have turned professional. But whether or not this club will succeed in the final analysis remains a matter for conjecture.

Meanwhile, 28 African teams are preparing themselves for the first qualifying rounds of the 1982 World Cup. Three of the teams — Zimbabwe, which has replaced the Central African Republic, Liberia and Congo — received byes into the second round.

The first round draws are: Senegal v Morocco, Zaire v Mozambique, Cameroun v Malawi, Guinea v Lesotho, Tunisia v Nigeria, Libya v Gambia, Ethiopia v Zambia, Niger v Somalia, Sierra Leone v Algeria, Ghana v Egypt, Kenya v Tanzania and Uganda v Madagascar.

NIGERIA

Lagos, the teeming city of this West African country, went crazy with delight marking Nigeria's victory in the African Nations Championship Cup. Nigeria beat Algeria 3-0 in the final at Lagos.

The victorious Nigerian team engulfed by thousands of singing and chanting fans, went on parade through the main streets of Lagos displaying the new Africa Cup of Unity. Indeed, it was Nigeria's finest hour, and they had cause to celebrate. For the past 17 years, Nigeria had tried in vain to secure the trophy, but there was no denying them this time.

Apart from winning the trophy, Nigeria also won the Fair Play Cup. Their captain, Christian Chukwu, was voted the best player of the tournament by 55 journalists covering the tournament. They gave him 126 points, and he received the new "Victor Mery Trophy", donated by the Ivory Coast sports writers association.

President Shagari, who watched the opening and final games of the tournament, pledged that each of the 22 players of the Nigerian winning squad would be rewarded. Each of the players would get a Peugeot 504 air-conditioned car, and a three-bedroom house — all at the expense of the Federal government — the spoils of victory!

As if this was not enough, one of Nigeria's leading millionaires, Chief Abiola, also gave each of the players one thousand Nigerian Naira cash. The millionaire had wanted to purchase a Peugeot car for each player but the government took the wind out of his sails, hence his modest contribution. One deputy state governor also donated his monthly salary for March to the players, and an electronics firm gave each of the players a television set!

Meanwhile, Nigeria's captain Chukwu has announced that he will no longer play for the national team.

He said in a press interview that he was catching up on time and he did not think he would make it in the national team. He is now 29 years of age and has been playing for the Green Eagles, Nigeria's national team, since 1974.

He now wants to give way to young blood, but would continue to play for his club side, Rangers International of Enugu before finally hanging up his boots.

ZAMBIA

With the League season having reached the quarter-way stage, Mufulira Wanderers are still unbeaten as yet, and have maintained their hold on the League's top slot.

They have played eight games, won five and drawn three and conceded the least goals — seven to be exact. Wanderer's good performance has been due to the improvement in the players' discipline, which, in essence, has come about as a result of tough measures being taken against offending players by club authorities.

On the heels of Wanderers are their arch-rivals, Green Buffaloes, an all-army team. At the time of going to press, the teams were only separated by a point in the table. Buffaloes were slow starters, but have now climbed threateningly close to the top of the table, and it now seems that this year's title race will be fought between these two clubs.

Curiously, the League title in the last five years has been the preserve of Wanderers and Buffaloes.

Buffaloes break came in 1973 when they won the title from Kabe Warriors who had previously dominated the title for three years in succession. Emulating Warriors achievements, Buffaloes successfully defended the championship in 1974 and 1975. They lost it to Wanderers in 1976, regained it the following year, but lost it yet again to Wanderers in 1978. Buffaloes yet again regained last year's title.

ZIMBABWE

The newest independent state of Africa is now ready for big-time soccer.

After 15 years of total isolation from any form of competitive football, the former British colony fired its first warning shots when they beat Zambia, a vastly experiencd side, 2-1 to win the four-nation independence tournament at Rufaro Stadium in Harare, Salisbury. And when the referee blew the final whistle, thousands of fans raced onto the pitch and mobbed their heroes.

Zimbabwe's victory against one of Africa's best sides was a perfect independence present for the six million people of that country.

The man who notched the winning goal was no other than Shaky Tauro, whose header in the final minute caught Zambia's goalkeeper, Ken Mapwe napping.

But Zambia who had beaten Tanzania 2-0 in the semi-final the previous day in Bulawayo, hotly disputed the goal.

"That was clearly offside," Zambian captain, Jani Simulambo, said. "Even a pilot in a jumbo jet could have seen that he (Tauro) was miles off-side."

But a week later, Zimbabwe's Dynamos of Salisbury were no match for Zambia's Mufulira Wanderers. Wanderers beat them 1-0 on their home ground in Harare in a benefit game for Dynamos player George Shaya who has bid farewell to soccer.

A glance at the results of the Africa Cup Winners' Cup and the Africa Cup of Club Champions.

First leg

In Lome, Togo, Omnisport, football club, beat Borgou of Benin 5-3 to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Africa Cup Winners' Cup and in Senegal, Cosa-sport beat Bula of Guinea Bissau 1-0 to qualify for the quarter-final of the tournament.

In Nairobi, Kenya, Gor Mahia, the East and Central African club champions, scored a goal in each half to give them a 2-0 victory over Horseed of Somalia and a place in the second round of the African Club Champions Cup. The teams drew 0-0 in the first leg played in Mogadishu.

In Ghana, the national team, the Black Stars beat Kenya 4-1 in the first leg of the Olympic qualifying match. Their compatriots, the Eleven Wisemen of Sekondi, dubbed the "Western showboys", beat Sodium from the Central African Republic 3-0 in the first round of the Africa Cup Winners' Cup.

In Gambia, Walidan were beaten 1-0 by Silures of Upper Volta in the second leg of the African Cup of Club Champions, giving Silures a 2-1 aggregate. The deciding goal was scored in the 20th minute by Radolphe Coulabaly.

HUNGARY by Leslie Vernon

SAD TIDINGS!

LAST month I made optimistic noises about the state of Hungarian football. Now I am forced to take it all back and relate some sad tidings. Three defeats on the international battlefield were heavy blows indeed, especially so because two of them meant elimination from important competitions.

The worst of these came in Prague, where Hungary lost 3-2 against a far superior Czechoslovak side in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament. As followers of Hungarian football know, this trip to Moscow was a very important target for them, and preparations were geared all through the winter for this one match.

Unfortunately, the Diosgyor contingent couldn't be relied upon any longer, but nevertheless, manager Dr. Karoly Lakat selected a strong squad, and apart from the injured Karsai at midfield, the best possible team took the field in Prague: Katzirz; Szanto, Salamon, Baranyi, Kutasi; Pal, Komjati, Tatar; Fekete, KIss, Kozma.

The Czechs also used some full internationals — Netolicka in goal, Radimec in the back-four, Berger at midfield, and the dangerous-looking Janecka-Vizek-Licka forward trio. The home team took the lead in the 18th minute, when Licka and Rygel combined to give Janecka a chance from 16 yards, and he scored with a tremendous left-footed shot.

The second goal came soon after the re-start, when Macela's header came back from an upright, and Vizek scored easily. In the 52nd minute, Komjati reduced the gap to one goal, but later, a third Czech goal scored by Licka, who was — according to the Hungarians — in an off-side position, gave the home team an unassailable lead.

Berger fouled sub. Paroczai in the 82nd minute, and Tatar converted the penalty — 3-2 to Czechoslovakia! A draw would have been enough for Hungary, but they were outclassed at times, and the Czechs thoroughly deserved their victory.

Dr. Lakat had to admit that his team were well beaten, but he also made a valid point about the tournament: "We were eliminated because the Czechs beat Poland twice, and we lost our away fixtures."

So, the Czechs are going to Moscow, and the Hungarians — three times winners of the Olympic title since the war — are not even in the last sixteen! The second painful defeat came in the U-21 European Championship.

Hungary beat E. Germany 2-0 at home, and it seemed a foregone conclusion that they would come to Sheffield to play England in the semi-finals. I was just composing the greeting for the programme in Hungarian, when the incredible (?) news arrived — they lost the second leg 3-0 in Jena!

It was an unlucky defeat, because although the Germans started-off with two quick goals (Strasser 2), the Hungarians had ample opportunity in the second half to score. But four minutes from the end (and extra-time!) an attack on the left developed, Strasser crossed the ball, and Schmuck headed-in the vital third goal.

One of the Hungarian over-age players in this match was Tibor Nyilasi, who played well in the forward-line, but didn't get much help from his young attackers. In the light of subsequent events (E. Germany beat England twice), this wasn't such a bad result, but it was annoying that the Hungarians couldn't capitalise on a two-goal home advantage.

The third defeat came in the friendly international against the Czechs in Kosice. Dr. Lakat put the clock back and picked a team reminiscent of the World Cup squad of 1978 — even Laszlo Balint was asked to come home from Bruges! The small squad: Katzirz, Meszaros, Paroczai, Garaba, Balint, Kocsis, J. Toth, Pal, Nyilsai, Zombori, Fazekas, Kovacs, Torocsik, Varadi.

Nehoda scored the only goal of a disappointing match in the 73rd minute, and although the home side dominated the play for long periods, they didn't look like European Championship title-winning prospects.

However, Josef Venglos, the Czech national team manager, was satisfied: "We deserved to win. It wasn't a 'real' friendly, because the Polish referee Kacprzak couldn't control the players, and a certain amount of rough stuff was served up by both defences. We are on course for the Finals in Italy."

Ibrox shambles

by Alex Gordon

IT would be a terrible pity if this season's Scottish Cup Final should be remembered only for the lunatic, insane actions of hundreds of thugs masquerading as football fans.

Celtic beat their great rivals Rangers at Hampden in a Cup Final that pulsated for the entire 120 minutes. There was some mesmirising soccer on display as the two teams tore into one another with verve and gusto.

There was lung-bursting effort as the game went into extra-time and both sets of players kept up the non-stop pace, with the match see-sawing in dramatic fashion with Celtic, in my opinion, just deserving victory.

If we forget all about the spectacular afternoon of skills and talents paraded by superb players and think only of the cavorting, fighting idiots then football might as well call it a day.

There is no easy answer to this age-old problem. These fans hate the sight of each other and whenever they come into contact sparks are always bound to fly. When I say hate, by the way, I do mean it literally, unfortunately. This is no friendly rivalry; it never has been and it never will be.

Millions of words will be written and spoken about how to curb this problem. Everyone will want to have his say and all sorts of ideas will be put forward. People have already talked about scrapping Old Firm games. That's obviously nonsense. It seems like the easy way out.

There will be more policemen on hand for the next game — that much is certain — and there will probably be higher fencing erected around Hampden Park.

But short of giving free and compulsory brain transplants to these morons before the kick-off nothing will ever completely stop the trouble. They will always find a way to get at each other. It's a pity they cannot be as constructive as they can be destructive.

I don't want to dwell on the problem because I've seen it all before and no doubt, alas, I'll see it all again.

Getting back to the football in Scotland's alleged showpiece match of the season, there can be few grumbles from the sensible fans . . . and there are many, I'm delighted to say.

The only goal of the game has been described as a fluke in some quarters, but I certainly don't see it that way. Instead I thought it was a mixture of skill, quick thinking and cheek by the scorer George McCluskey.

It came in the second period of extra-time when it looked as though everyone would be coming back to Hampden on the Tuesday for a replay and I must admit I had thoughts of last season when the Cup Final argument between Rangers and Hibs stretched on and on and was finally settled in extra-time in the third replay by an own goal!

Frank McGarvey, who worked tirelessly throughout, won a corner-kick out on the right-wing with Gregor Stevens challenging. Davie Provan, a magnificently skilled player, swung over a right-foot cross and Ally Dawson, so impressive on this nerve-racking occasion, headed it away.

The ball dropped to Alan Sneddon who returned it first time with a delicate lob. Tom Forsythe got his head to the ball, but couldn't get proper direction behind his clearance.

It fell to skipper Danny McGrain, voted the Man of the Match by the sponsors, and he walloped a first-time shot at goal from 25 yards. Peter McCloy, the Rangers goalkeeper, had it covered all the way.

McCluskey, with his back to the goal, flicked out a foot as the ball was zooming past him and completely changed its course. McCloy, going to his right, looked utterly aghast, tried to change direction and bravely managed to get a hand to the effort, but it brushed past him on its way into the net.

And that was how the Cup was won and lost in Scotland. I don't for one minute believe it was a fluke goal from McCluskey simply because I have seen him attempt the exact same thing in other games. This time it came off and no one can argue about the boy's timing.

I though Celtic just deserved to win because they were severely handicapped even before the kick-off when their two recognised central defenders, Tom McAdam and Roddie McDonald, had to be ruled out through suspensions.

It seems England have a conscience when it comes to bans hitting the big day. Didn't the English FA lift a possible suspension on Billy Bonds and it allowed him to go on and lift the English Cup in a memorable triumph for his team. The Scottish FA didn't even consider doing likewise and McAdam and MacDonald were out.

Billy McNeill was then obviously left with a grave problem. There was little doubt he would play Roy Aitken in the centre-back role, but finding someone to play alongside

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The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

GIVEN the fact that most of the current Italian international team seems more likely to be appearing on trial out at EUR, on the periphery of Rome, than playing in the Nations Cup this June, it becomes harder and harder to forecast who might win, let alone how England may fare. At the moment, I am optimistic. The tremendous speed and punch of Tony Woodcock, and Kevin Keegan, not to mention Laurie Cunningham, an ace in the hole, means there must always be a fine chance of success.

For the field is not, on the face of it, vastly distinguished. The Dutch in 1978, in Argentina, were scarcely a patch on the marvellous team led by Cruyff in 1974, and since then they have lost Neeskens, Rensenbrink and Haan — always assuming that he doesn't at the last moment, come back to a team which badly needs him.

The West Germans are a powerful, well balanced side, but do not minimise the absence of Sepp Maier, who has had such a massive effect on their defence for the past two World Cups, nor that of Klaus Fischer, the lively little centre-forward, who has no obvious successor.

Certainly I do not see one in the burly, blond Hrubesch of Hamburg, even if he did get those fine goals in the return semi-final against Real Madrid. They were scored with his head, don't forget. On the ground, he is by no means the same player, nor has he remotely the international experience possessed by Fischer; who, as the Italians tend to remind themselves, was once suspended indefinitely from West German football for his part in a fix engineered by the players of Schalke 04.

I haven't much faith in the Italian team, and I think the Italian critics — though not Anzo Bearzot, of course — tend to undervalue the Belgian national team. Belgium, especially if the veteran Van Moer can last the pace, have a well integrated side with a splendid right sided all rounder in Francois Van der Ekst — off alas to waste his substance and talent in America with the Cosmos — and several excellent young attackers. England will have trouble with them in Turin in the first game.

Balanced

For England are not, alas, well balanced. They have, as I've said, marvellous attackers, but there are weaknesses elsewhere. The back four is open to question, Dave Watson alone, even at the age of 33, seeming a player of full international stature, still splendidly agile, combative and quick. But there is really no obvious centre-back to put beside him. How one mourns the demise from international football of Colin Todd, who seemed not so long ago to be one of our few players of true international stature!

Expensive, too, has been the long succession of injuries which have blunted the edge of his former Derby County team mate, Roy McFarland, though it was good to see him resuming his place in the Derby team late this season. I have much admiration for the red headed Ipswich man Kevin Beattie, whose great strength and unusual natural talent should have kept him long in the England team, but injuries have been the curse of his career too.

Right-back remains a problem, with Phil Neal better going forward than defending. Mick Mills is powerful, resilient and has high morale, but he is at a disadvantage on the left, and he has never quite attained the class of an international defender. Our best bet at left-back surely remains Kenny Sansom, equally muscular, a natural left footer, who is excellent when he chooses to go forward; even if his venturesome tendencies have been somewhat curbed this season in the First Division.

Midfield remains a problem, because England have still to find the half-back who will contain as well as create. In other aspects they have almost an embarrassment of riches. The splendid and unexpected, to be honest, performances of the two Manchester United men, Steve Coppell and Ray Wilkins, in Barcelona meant that each staked a substantial claim for a regular place; and Greenwood was allowed the luxury of leaving Trevor Brooking out of a winning team. He will need him in Italy, with his great experience, his ability to thrive in international football, his selfless running, his intelligence, his capacity to blend with Kevin Keegan; not the easiest of things to do.

Improve

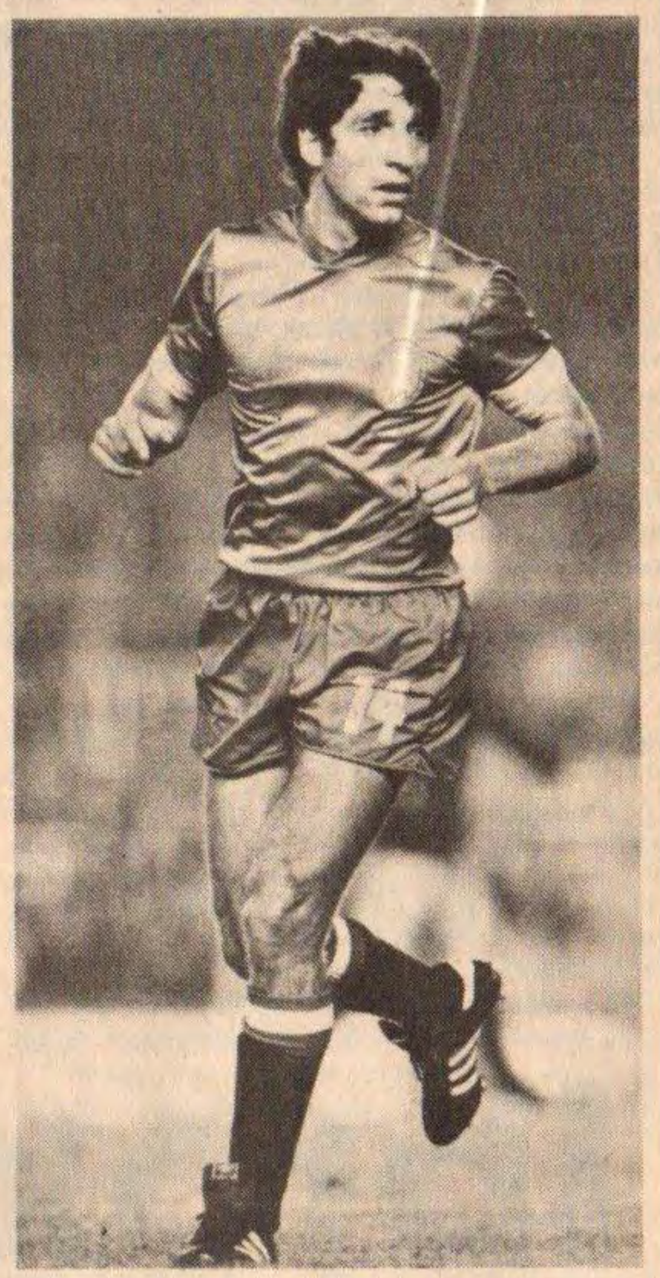
I do not expect Spain to improve radically by the time it comes to the tournament. Kubala has followed a mistaken policy of giving inadequate youth its fling, and it seems too late now to reverse the trend of defeat and disasters. One can only hope the Spanish team, when it meets England in Naples, doesn't kick as ferociously in defence as it did in Barcelona.

Greece have been praised, even though they went down to defeat in France and Switzerland, but I myself believe they shot their bolt when they qualified at the expense of the Russians. In that same group, which will surely be dominated by the Dutch and the West Germans, I do not expect much from the Czechs. They do, it's true, tend eternally to rise to great occasions, as they have been doing ever since they got to the World Cup Final of 1934, and would probably have won it had it been played anywhere else but on Italian soil.

They were marvellous in that superb Nations Cup tournament of 1976, but since then the team has tended to grow old together and though it has given some notable displays, not least when last season it beat Italy in Bratislava and should have beaten England at Wembley, I don't think the likes of Masny and Ondrus are quite what they were.

And Italy? As I have said, judgement has to be suspended until we know who is available and who isn't. I still believe that Enzo Bearzot will have a terrible task, first in calming the boiling ambience, second of persuading his players, conditioned by the ghastly Campionato, to go out to attack. After the defeat by Arsenal in Turin, Juventus players were actually complaining in all seriousness that they were put at a disadvantage because the Arsenal sweeper played in the back four rather than behind the defence, thus giving them a man fewer in midfield. So, they averred, they had to "sacrifice" Bettega by playing him deep! No wonder Bettega himself, after that match, limited his remarks to saying that he made it a practice never to talk about tactics.

There is, besides, the question of demoralisation. Even were all the Juventus players to take part in the competition, they would hardly be in the best psychological condition.



Antonio Olmo of Spain.

The winner of the Dutch-German group must in all logic be the favourites to win the final in Rome. These two countries thus resume their endless dialogue, in which at present the Germans, winners of the 1974 World Cup Final, have the edge. But they have no Beckenbauer now, no Netzer, no Overath, while the Dutch have in Rudi Krol a player of immense stature, a sweeper capable of anything and everything, while such youngsters as the Ajax Orientals, Ling and Tahamata, though Forest snuffed them out well enough in the European Cup, have done excellent things on the international field.

Survive

Note, too, how well Franz Thijssen of Ipswich Town had played for his country as well as his club this season. Dutch critics, who thought he would never survive in the harsh world of English football, have had to think again. The Dutch will hope, too, that Johnny Rep, after such a disappointing season with Saint Etienne, will come good on his return to the colours, while the Van de Kerkhof twins remain to add their long legged skills in midfield and up front.

Much will depend, in the German performance, on the gifted but inconsistent left footer Hansi Muller, while Karl Heinz Rummenigge seems a guarantee of goals. But this duel could so easily go either way, and it defies forecast.

RIVER PLATE STILL HOLD TOP PLACE

From ERIC WEIL

RIVER PLATE, who last season completed the "double" of winning the Argentine first division and national titles, continue to hold on to top place precariously although they only picked up five points from their last six games before press-time. And with Newell's Old Boys — with a game in hand — and Independiente breathing down tbeir neck a point behind, they are liable to be toppled at any moment.

There is no doubt River Plate has the strongest playing squad, including no less than six players of the 1978 World Cup winning squad — goalkeeper Fillol, defenders Passarella and recently signed Tarantini, midfielder Alonso and forwards Luque and Ortiz — but they are obsessed with winning the Libertadores Cup for the first time. This has shown in their league performances, especially when they had a cup match during the following week and they fielded below strength teams to rest key players.

In the top-of-the-table clash against Newell's Old Boys they even went to the luxury of starting without Passarella, Merlo, Luque, Commisso, Tarantini (suspended), Alonso (suspended) and Carrasco, although bringing on the latter at half-time — luckily, because he scored the equaliser with one of his powerful free-kicks nine minutes from time. Nevertheless, it meant the loss of a vital home point (1-1).

In spite of all their stars, River Plate, whose game is based more on individuality than team work, are finding it hard to score goals at times and currently their best bet is the hard-shooting Uruguayan midfielder, Carrasco. This has given coach Angel Labruna the problem of whether to prefer World Cup man Alonso, whose tactical experience can make a tremendous difference to the team, or Carrasco. Frequently this problem resolves itself as Alonso keeps getting himself sent off and suspended.

Brilliance

This is only one of many problems. Lanaburu is one of the best goalkeepers in the country, but Fillol's continued brilliance confines him mostly to reserve team football . . . . and then there's the eternal switching, also during matches, between centre-forward Luque and young Ramón Diaz who was leading scorer in the Junior World Cup finals in Japan last year and, in spite of playing only half the time, is also the club's top scorer in the league with seven goals.

Modest Argentinos Juniors have been the early season sensation, led by brilliant midfielder Maradona who is the division's top scorer with 12 goals — an average of one a game. They are only two points behind River Plate and have a game in hand, but they still depend mostly on Maradona, though he nearly always plays an outstanding game.

Another surprise team are Platense who have been struggling against relegation lately. More surprising is the fact that they have no well-known players with the possible exception of striker Juarez. But Platense do have a well-known coach — Vladislao Cap — who was Cesar Menotti's immediate predecessor in the Argentine national team during the 1974 World Cup finals. Platense are also only two points from the top, but their soccer is not the type to hit the headlines. Tight defence and few goals give them a 9-9 goals record after 12 games.

Cap abides by the old championship-winning formula of trying to win at home and draw away — their home record is 4-2-0 and away they are 0-4-2 — and to be able to do it with the squad available he has to rely on team work and tactics rather than individual skill. In a small club like Platense, with a modest team, it is also easier for Cap to gain respect and discipline from the players and to get them to follow his instructions than it is, for example, for Labruna with River Plate's team of all the stars . . . and while it is impossible to see Platense as champions — they are too reluctant to take risks and the mentality is still that of avoiding relegation rather than fighting for a title — it is one of the reasons why, with a third of the championship over, little Platense are only two points behind big River Plate.

Demoralised

Going to the other end of the table where three teams go down this season again . . . Boca Juniors continue in serious trouble. Their team looks completely demoralised and if anybody can put some fight into them, it is coach and former club player Antonio Rattin's personality so that the old remedy of firing the coach is not likely to help. Bocca's hopes are still on Mastrangelo — the only striker who seemed to find the way to goal even last season and whose injury problems have so far kept him out of the championship — but they really needed to buy a few other experienced players for which no money was available.

Quilmes, however, did resort to the "old remedy", although coach Baudillo Jauregui just beat them to it by sending in his resignation. By a matter of hours he avoided becoming the third coach to pay the penalty for poor results this season — Ramos Delgado of bottom All Boys and Brazilian Delem of San Lorenzo (a couple of places higher) were the victims.

Stranger was that on one Sunday 18 players and two coaches were sent off in the nine first division matches, but many of the players went for minor offences — five for "verbal aggression" against each other, three for time-wasting, three for protesting, three for fighting and four for rough play. . . . And it had to happen sometime. Referee Hector Del Bello had the teams lined up at the start of the Talleres-FC Oeste first division match, looked at his watch . . . Then his face went red as he turned round to run to the dressing-room. He had forgotten his whistle.

•URUGUAY again allows the "importation" of foreign players this year — three per club — as mentioned in last month's *World Soccer*, but lack of cash even by the big clubs has stopped the rush to sign foreigners.

In fact, the sensation is Penarol's signing of John Yawson, 23, from Ghana team hearts. Two thousand spectators turned up to watch his first training session with Penarol on the outskirts of Montevideo and 20,000 applauded his speed and skill when he made his first-team debut in a friendly match against Libertadores Cup holders Olimpia of Paraguay which Penarol won 4-2 in Montevideo.

Earlier Penarol, the first division champions, had also won the season's "prepartory" tournament — this season called "Colombes" tournament — in which the top eight clubs, after league play, took part in a knock out. Penarol beat Bella Vista on post-match penalties in the final after the match, including 30 minutes extra time, had ended with no score.

Also back with Penarol is former international Milton Viera who had been playing in Greece, while another former international half, Pedro Rocha, now 37, is home after successful years with Sao Paulo (Brazil) and a less successful shorter stay in Mexico, referred to in the last issue of *World Soccer*. Rocha has signed for Defensor, a small club representing Uruguay in the Libertadores Cup this year.

•BOLIVIA was the last country to finish its 1979 Championship on March 19 when Oriente Petrolero of Santa Cruz finally beat The Strongest of La Paz 2-1 in a play-off after each had earlier won one leg of the final by the same 2-0 score . . . and the dramatic final almost went into extra time, because the losers had a penalty stopped in the final minute.

But this season's championship, schedule for an early May start, was not due to last more than six months by returning to a straight league championship with 14 professional clubs playing each other home and away, the main reason being to give the national team time to prepare for World Cup qualifying games.

•CHILE'S "preparatory' championship was surprisingly won by newly-promoted Iquique who beat last year's first division champions Colo Colo 2-1 in the final.

The victory gives them a two-point bonus for the first division championship, while the other three semi-finalists — Colo Colo, Universidad de Chile and Cobreloa — start with a one-point bonus . . . Colo Colo, although intervened by the Chilean FA because of financial difficulties and to normalise contract difficulties with the majority of its players in view of their representing Chile in the Libertadores Cup, registered the major pre-season transfer by buying international goalkeeper Mario Osben from Union Espanola for 160,000 dollars.

•PERU'S championship start was being held up by disagreements on how to play it between the six Lima and 10 provincial clubs.

The main issue was how to have the minimum of travelling expenses and increase gates . . . On the transfer front meanwhile, World Cup forward Hugo Sotil, now 32, who had played for Alianza Lima, Barcelona in Spain and Independiente Medellin i in Colombia, returned to his first club, Deportivo Municipal, after six years . . . But Julio Melendez, another veteran World Cup defender who is 36 and last season was player-coach of relegated Leon de Huanuco, turned down an offer to coach Sport Boys because he wanted to continue playing (in lower-class soccer) and went to a Canadian club.

SWITZERLAND

by Arthur Rotmil

June series to decide championship

THE last season in which the League programme is divided into a preliminary phase, with all clubs playing against each other home and away and then the top six meet in a play-off pool for the title, is nearing its end. As I write, Servette, Basel, Zurich, Grasshoppers and Lucerne appear to have made the "final", while St. Gallen and Sion will have to fight it out for the remaining sixth place. The decisive series will be staged during June.

Grasshoppers fell away in recent weeks, ever since the internal upheaval when manager Jürgen Sundermann announced that he will be returning to Germany at the end of the season. Grasshoppers soon found a replacement in another German, Friedhelm "Timo" Konietzka who has been active in this country since 1967, having managed Winterhur, then with great success the FC Zurich and lately the Young Boys.

As his successor it was thought that Young Boys will engage the Dutchman Bert Theunissen (41), who formerly played for Young Boys, then coached the FC Bern and for nearly two years the FC Winterthur. He has always wanted to manage Young Boys and would undoubtedly be welcomed in Bern.

FC Zurich were negotiating with Wolfgang Weber (36) the famous West German international (53 caps) who scored that memorable equalising goal just 15 seconds from the end of normal time in the 1966 World Cup final against England at Wembley.

Weber, who finished his active career with FC Cologne in November 1978, had a disappointing managerial spell with Werder Bremen where he was sacked earlier this season. Not least the disastrous engagement of the England stopper Dave Watson, who left after just a few months, contributed to Weber's downfall.

Zurich also had problems with their international utility player Rene Botteron who is apparently keen to play in the West German *Bundesliga*. Bayer Leverkusen have shown interest in this talented footballer for whom once a great future was predicted, bujt who has not quite lived up to expectations.

Grasshoppers reached the final of the League Cup by beating local rivals FC Zurich 2-1. The game was watched by the Ipswich manager Bobby Robson, who was thnought to be interested in one or two Swiss players at the time. Since then the Dutch mid-fielder Arnold Muhren has extended his contract and so Ipswich with two Dutchmen (Frans Thijssen is the other) have their full complement of foreign players. But Grasshoppers are about to lose midfielder Raimondo Ponte who wants to go abroad, while Traber, Niggl and Montandon may also be leaving the club. In the other League Cup semi-final Servette beat Lucerne surprisingly easily by 6-0 to earn a tilt at the Grasshoppers.

The national team is again being talked about with some respect, after the two successive 2-0 victories over countries who after all qualified for the European Championship finals. The Swiss beat Czechoslovakia in Basel and followed with the same score against Greece in Zurich.

The win against the Czechs was the most important of the period in which Leon Walker has been national team manager. The visitors fielded seven men whno helped them win the European Championship in 1976. But the match itself was not particularly good. The Czechs included too many players over 30 who are clearly past their best. Their team chief, Dr. Jozef Venglos was disappointed at his team's failure to score, but on the other hand, the Swiss goalkeeper Karl Engel was in brilliant form — easily the man of the match.

The crowd of only 12,000 was selled by youngsters up to the age of 16, having free admission. Sulser, with a penalty and Barberis with a cracking 25-yard drive scored for the Swiss who were delighted having at long last beaten a notable opponent.

In Zurich another 12,000 spectators, including 4,000 boys admitted free, saw the 2-0 win over Greece, Surprisingly, the Greeks were stronger than the Czechs and they had several chances, hitting the woodwork three times. But the Swiss missed at least four good opportunities. Both goals were scored by the Servette midfielder Marc Schnyder. It was the first time in ten years that a Swiss player scored two goals in an international.

On May 3, 1970 Rolf Blättler got both goals in Basel in a 2-1 win over France.

The Greek team manager Alketas Panagulias was impressed by the Swiss team whose best men were Heinz Hermann and Marc Schnyder. Generally the Swiss Press were generous in their praise of the team and are demanding the continuation of their playing methods.

That the Swiss have a good foundation to support the national team was evident in the fine performances of the 'Under-21' team which held the powerful West German selection to a 3-3 draw. And the Swiss B-team beat their Czechoslovak counterparts by 3-1 to complete a fairly successful start to the World Cup build up.

But, invevitably, after fresh hopes had been raised, there came a cold shower. In dublin the Swiss fell to the Republic of Ireland by 2-0. Just as well that the hosts were weakened by the absence of three key players: Brady, O'Leary and Stapleton all of Arsenal, who were engaged in a marathon FA—Cup semi-final against Liverpool at the time. Or the Swiss might have suffered even more. Especially in the first-half the Irish midfielder ruled the roost and only after they eased off late in the game were the Swiss allowed to come into the game. Clearly there is still a lot to be done by Leon Walker before the World Cup qualifying ties start next autumn. It does seem that the form of the Swiss in home matches has no bearing on their performances away, and until the players shake off their inferiority complex when facing full professionals, the team will struggle at the higher level.

Grasshoppers midfield player Raimondo Ponte who wants to seek his fortune elsewhere.

NORTH AMERICA

by Colin Jose

Poor start for Cosmos in the NASL

THE three teams being tipped for championship honours before the North American Soccer League season began, New York, Washington and Vancouver, are all stumbling along with one month of the season gone. On the other hand the early season performances of Seattle, Fort Lauderdale, Dallas, Tulsa and Chicago have marked them as possible challengers for the title, which was won last year by Vancouver.

New York, the glamour team of the NASL, have currently won three games and lost two. However, that record could easily be one win and four defeats for two of their wins (against Houston and Minnesota) came on the unpredictable shoot-out — the league's method of deciding tied games.

In fact the only game won by the Cosmos by a clear cut margin was against the injury-hit Tampa Bay Rowdies, while they were hammered 4-1 in Fort Lauderdale by the Strikers, with Teofilo Cubillas getting a hat-trick. They also lost to the Tulsa Roughnecks 2-1 with Billy Caskey getting the winner on a breakaway in the 78th minute.

Washington, complete with Johan Cruyff, have yet to produce anything like championship form and have now lost three of the five games they have played. Their latest defeat came in Toronto where in the words of Toronto coach Keith Eddy, Canadian defender Mike McLenaghen: "Played the best player in the world out of the game."

"It was a pleasure to play against him, he's a gentleman," said the 25-year-old McLenaghen who is a student of Kinesiology at the University of Toronto. But McLenaghen, who played Cruyff fairly and cleanly, wasn't fooling himself when he said: "But he didn't seem to want to do much today."

True Cruyff was never in the game, but perhaps McLenaghen provided a clue to the Dutchman's performance when he said: "We talked at times during the game, and he was complaining about the artificial turf and at the slow pace of the game."

It is no secret that Cruyff hates to play on artificial turf and Washington full-back Robert Iarusci underlined that he is not the only one on the Diplomats roster who feels that way when he said: "This team plays better on grass and there are some players on this team who feel that they cannot play on artificial turf."

The subject of artificial turf had raised its head earlier in the week when Franz Beckenbauer announced that he was considering returning to Europe at the end of this season because of the travelling in the NASL and also because of the artificial turf.

Bonfire

And as if to underline the intense dislike most players have for artificial turf one NASL coach said recently: "I am sure that I speak for all the coaches in the league when I say that I wish they would rip it all up and make one huge bonfire out of it."

While New York and Washington have been having their troubles on the east coast out in Vancouver on the west coast the champion Whitecaps have also found things difficult in the early going. To date they have lost three of their first five games and one of their two victories came via the shoot-out method against a Seattle team who could be the surprise of this year's NASL.

Essentially Vancouver have the same line-up as last year with the exception that Scottish international David Harvey has replaced Phil Parkes in goal and that Steve Kember has replaced Ray Lewington in midfield. Now the Whitecaps have signed Dutch international Rudi Krol, who intends to make his home in the Canadian city.

So far the shoot-out loss to Vancouver is the only defeat for Seattle who are playing this year under a new coach in Alan Hinton and with a revamped line-up that looks to be among the best balanced in the league. As against that one defeat they have won four games.

Fort Lauderdale, under Dutch coach Cor Van der Hart, are off to a flying start despite losing their first game to Memphis. Since then they have won six straight and are already being considered as serious contenders for the championship. Major factors here have been the play of midfielders Francisco Marinho and Ray Hudson, one of the most under-rated players in the league.

In the National Conference, Central Division, Dallas and Tulsa are neck and neck with each team having won four and lost one, while in the American Conference, Central Division Chicago are undefeated having won their first three games.

Teams in trouble early are Rochester, Philadelphia, and San Jose who are all winless after three starts and the Minnesota Kicks winless after four. New England, Atlanta and Memphis also appear to be among the weaker teams although there is some improvement in Memphis over last season when they had one of the poorest records in the league.

California are showing considerable improvement over last year while Toronto, Portland, Detroit, Houston and Edmonton have yet to prove one way or the other although none of them would appear to be good enough to challenge the league's better teams at this stage.

Los Angeles and San Diego, despite considerable changes in personnel, once again appear to be strong, while Tampa Bay, beaten finalists for the past two years, will be in the running again if they don't slip too far behind as a result of their current injury problems.

Atlanta striker David Byrne (10) out-jumps New England defender Chris Turner.

During the early part of the season there have been a number of interesting signings around the league in addition to that of Rudi Krol by Vancouver.

San Jose have recently added former England international captain Colin Bell to their roster as well as former Sunderland winger, Billy Hughes, and the game's number one wanderer, George Best. Portland Timbers have signed Robbie Rensenbrik from Anderlecht and Los Angeles have acquired Brazilian goalscorer Luis Fernando from America of Rio Preto.

Hennes Weisweiler, the new coach of the New York Cosmos, has joined the club earlier than expected. He was not expected to come to the United States until early June but felt that he had lost control of the players of Cologne after they learned of his imminent departure. With the Cosmos appearing to be in trouble he is sorely needed, and in May was joined by Belgian star Francois Van der Elst, the latest in a long line of super stars to wear the Cosmos uniform.

It all adds up to another fascinating and unpredictable NASL season during which attendances will be watched almost as closely as results. Already there are encouraging signs of growing interest in some cities while question marks continue to hang over others. The long talked about potential of Toronto, for example, finally seems to be coming true as 22,051 showed up for their opening game against Rochester and 18,193 on a cold and wet afternoon for the game against Washington.

Out in the oilfields of Alberta another Canadian team, the Edmonton Drillers, drew 14,783 for their opening game against San Jose, the highest ever for a soccer game in Alberta, while Chicago at last showed signs of improvement as 16,217 watched their game against Tampa. However, on the other side of the coin only 248 fans watched New England play Memphis on a rainy night in Massachusetts.

ARSENAL LOSE 'L TAG ON PENALTI

European Cup-winners' Cup Final report by Keir

THE first European club final to be decided on penalties will go down as the game in which Arsenal, at long last, lost their claim to that long-time "Lucky" tag.

Not that the men you might have expected to be in the centre of the fray, had much to do with it.

Mario Kempes was metaphorically ripped to shreds by Arsenal manager Terry Neill for his anonymous display. Certainly, although Kempes has been carrying a troublesome knee injury, it was a fascinating experience to see him the night after watching and wondering at Diego Maradona, at Wembley.

The two men — the old king and the new — hardly seemed to have come from the same planet, let alone the same nation.

Kempes is having a hard time at Valencia. He's not a leader of the line, a target man. He is at his best playing off another big man — as he proved so clearly both with, and without, Leopoldo Luque during Argentina's World Cup success.

Projected

But for Valencia, Kempes had to stick around upfield and with Rainer Bonhof looking as if his mind were elsewhere (contemplating his projected move to Köln), Valencia made little attempt to set Kempes free.

If anything, the Cup-winners' Cup Final was made for support players, not stars.

For Valencia it was the histrionic but nippy right-back Jose Carrete; the impeccably skilled yet unlicky midfield general Daniel Solsona; the busy little Pablo; the rockline Tendillo and Arias at the back; and the jumpy goalkeeper, Carlos Pereira, who took the honours.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP FINAL
(Brussels — May 14)

Valencia 0
Arsenal 0
HT: 0-0. **90 min**: 0-0. **Att**: 40,000.
Ref: Christov Vojtech (Cz).
Valencia win 5-4 on penalties.

Valencia: Pereira — 2, Carrete, 4 Arias, 5 Tendillo, 3 Botubot — 8 Bonhof, 7 Saura, 10 Subirats, 6 Solsona — 9 Kempes, 11 Pablo. Sub used: Castellanos (for Subirats, 111). Subs not used: Sol, Manzanedo (gk), Higinio, Vilarroda.

Arsenal: Jennings — 2 Rice, 5 O'Leary, 6 Young, 3 Nelson — 11 Rix, 4 Talbot, 10 Price, 7 Brady — 8 Sunderland, 9 Stapleton. Sub used: Hollins (for Price, 106). Subs not used: Vaessen, Walford, Devine, Barron (gk).

With Arsenal, we had to admire the stylish defensive class of David O'Leary; the speed and skill of Graham Rix; the determination and work of Liam Brady.

Such was the balance that Arsenal manager Terry Neill thought his team the better over the 120 minutes. But for once luck went against them, and it was Valencia who profited from the penalty decider.

Whether a shoot-out, or a play-for-a-goal system would be better, is neither here nor there. The facts speak for themselves: Valencia won, Arsenal lost. Yet even that penalty contest illustrated a general feeling in the Heysel stadium that these teams could play for ever and a day and still not score.

Even at the start of the penalties we had to sit through the agonies of misses by Kempes and Brady before Solsona stepped forward to show how a good penalty should be blasted into the roof of the net.

"Anyone who misses a penalty ought to be shot," said Graham Rix much later. Despite the instant commiserations of his colleagues, the young midfielder had been in tears as Pereira jumped to his left to save the vital kick.

But at least the fans who travelled from London and Spain had their money's worth in drama after a game which featured so many obviously talented players producing a great deal of disappointing football.

Buzzed

For two-and-three-quarter hours Czech referee Christov Vojtech buzzed round the pitch, keeping the players from each other's throats, but though there was temperament and the occasional moment little short of ferocity, the teams managed to survive without any of the expulsions which had appeared likely after the early skirmishing.

For Arsenal defeat, so long in coming, was bitter. Not only in manner, but in the remembrance of all that had gone before and cost them so dear. It was their 68th match of the season and their fifth in 15 days. It was the fourth time they had been taken to extra time in a Cup-tie, and clearly the battles with Liverpool had taken a heavy toll in spirit and physical alacrity.

Strikers Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland, called upon always to run the furthest and hardest often without reward, had borne the brunt of battles past.

And their ultimate weary failure to breach the Valencia defence, was what cost Arsenal victory — not Rix's penalty miss.

ALFREDO DI STEFANO, Valencia manager:

"First, penalties are not a fair way to settle

The action

VALENCIA win the toss, and decide to play with the sun at their backs and towards the Atomium.

3 — Referee Vojtech refuses to be misled after Carrete crashes into Nelson and plays dead. Play goes on and the right back soon sprints back to his position, to jeers from Arsenal's fans. Already Botubot is staying close to Sunderland, with Tendillo on Stapleton and Arias sweeping.

7 — A long throw on the left from Bonhof catches Arsenal asleep. Kempes pounds into the box and smashes in a drive which Jennings turns away brilliantly for a corner. Fine save, but a bad miss.

23 — After Valencia's early command, Arsenal take over. Carrete is involved in another skirmish, this time with Rix.

25 — Carrete heads off the line and over the bar for a corner from Stapleton as Arsenal create their own first chance.

33 — Sunderland is booked for a bad tackle on Botubot.

Half-time: 0-0.

60 — Price is just wide from 25 yards.

65 — Brady goes on a fast, skilful run and his shot forces a good diving save from goalkeeper Pereira.

69 — Now Valencia pick up again. Solsona sends Bonhof running clear into the penalty box from the left, but again Jennings saves at the cost of a corner.

73 — Sunderland collapses clutching his face after an off-the-ball incident with a Valencia defender.

77 — Goalkeeper Pereira makes a brilliant point-blank stop when Sunderland heads a Rix cross for goal.

90 minutes: 0-0. Into extra time.

94 — Solsona creates a gap and shoots just past the post.

99 — Kempes is just wide with a free kick.

Half-time: 0-0.

Arsenal send on Hollins for Price, Valencia push on Castellanos for Subirats soon after.

115 — Carrete is booked at last for tripping Rix in full flow.

Full-time (after extra time): 0-0.

The penalty contest.

Kempes misses (Jennings saves at his right).

Brady misses (Pereira saves to his left) — 0-0.

Solsona scores — 1-0.
Stapleton scores — 1-1.
Pablo scores — 2-1.
Sunderland scores — 2-2.
Castellanos scores — 3-2.
Talbot scores (with a mis-kick) — 3-3.
Bonhof scores — 4-3.
Hollins scores — 4-4.
Contest enters the sudden death phase.
Arias scores — 5-4.
Rix misses (Pereira saves to his left) — 5-4.
Match statistics:

VALENCIA: *Goal attempts 7 (2 on target), Corner: 5. Fouls committed: 19 (plus 3 offsides).*

ARSENAL: *Goal attempts: 7 (3 on target). Corners: 4. Fouls committed: 25 (plus 3 offsides).*

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Radnedge

such a final as this, such an important game. We should have had a replay. And I say that even as winning manager.

"What did I think of the game? — Well, it was hard, both teams were very determined and played a physical sort of match. That's why there were so few chances, because both defences put themselves about so much. It was a night for defenders, not forwards.

"Kempes wasn't at his best, I admit it. But he had two men marking him closely all the time. He tried to get away but, like all the players on the field, he has had a long, hard season and was tired.

"It didn't help him either that because of the pressure Arsenal put on us in midfield, we had to send him a lot of long, high centres which are very diffiicult for a forward to control and use in the sort of confined space Arsenal allowed.

"It wasn't a good game. But then, remember it was a final. The result becomes far more important than the game. In the record books in the future you will see: Valencia beat Arsenal. The result stands for all time.

Popular

"That's why I was pleased with my boys — all of them, Kempes too, and Rainer Bonhof. I know there is talk of him going to Köln. But I don't know, really. He *thinks* he is going, but I would be sorry to lose him. He's a fine man and has settled in at last with the club and all the people. He's very popular.

"Tonight he played a very strong game. He covered a lot of ground, did an awful lot of running.

"We worked for our luck, and we got it. because remember: you may have all the tactical planning right, but without luck you get nothing. Look at Arsenal — not just tonight, but in the FA Cup Final, too. They had so much of the game at Wembley and got nothing. And then tonight . . ."

Valencia's German international Rainer Bonhof beats a determined looking Liam Brady to the ball.

TERRY NEILL, Arsenal manager:

"We are not going to complain about the way the game was decided. These are the rules and we accept them. We knew they were the rules when we entered the competition. If we were going to say something we should have done so then.

"It's always disappointing to lose though, particularly when you play as well as we played tonight. It's disappointing for Graham Rix, of course, too because of that penalty, but no one is blaming him.

"But, having said that, we are in the business of winning and we want to win every game. But when we lose we have to take it. This has been another hard experience, but as I said after Wembley the game owes us nothing.

"We accept that we have to keep on playing and keep on working. I hope no one feels they carry any burden for what happened here — particularly Rix, because he has been one of the major forces in getting us this far.

"Being totally objective, I felt over all the 120 minutes that we were the better side and on a couple of occasions I don't know how the ball stayed out of the net. We certainly played better tonight than we did at Wembley.

"In terms of competition, the football we played tonight was of a very high quality.

"Look at Kempes. He did not get a kick. David O'Leary was outstanding. Kempes is paid a large amount of money to put a large number of shots on goal. But he didn't get a look-in. And later in the game I thought his frustration started showing through. And he's played only half the number of *real* games O'Leary has played this season. Bonhof also showed a great deal of frustration as the game wore on.

"In defence the No. 5 didn't know whether to stick to Frank Stapleton or let him go. Then another of their defenders hit Alan Sunderland in the face about 50 yards off the ball.

"I tell you, the most relieved man in this stadium was their manager, Di Stefano. You should have seen his face at the end.

"As for us, are we tired? Just for the moment, a little. But you know, we don't feel we've played a game now unless it's gone at least 120 minutes . . ."

ALL WINNERS

1961 Fiorentina
1962 Atletico Madrid
1963 Tottenham
1964 Sporting Lisbon
1965 West Ham
1966 Borussia Dortmund
1967 Bayern Munich
1968 Milan
1969 Slovan Bratislava
1970 Manchester City
1971 Chelsea
1972 Glasgow Rangers
1973 Milan
1974 FC Magdeburg
1975 Dynamo Kiev
1976 Anderlecht
1977 Hamburg
1978 Anderlecht
1979 Barcelona
1980 Valencia

2 wins — Anderlecht, Miland. All the rest one each.

:.ainer Bonhof holds aloft the European Cup-winners' Cup after Valencia's dramatic penalty victory over Arsenal.

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY and not so merry

by Ken Goldman

It was a great delight to be present at Wembley to see England take on Argentina in what Ron Greenwood described as "a spectacle of football."

We were treated to an English victory fashioned out of a true team performance comprising some elements of skill and flair and with England playing the type of game which suits them best.

In contrast Argentina displayed an individual brilliance not normally on view here, which combined their attacking aptitudes with the rhythm of their play which initially slows down the game and then explodes into rapid movement.

At times their speed on the ball was breathtaking and twice only Kenny Sansom's old fashioned type of goal line clearances saved his side, the first of these before David Johnson powered England into the lead with a spectacular header.

The man who most caught the eye, of course, was Diego Maradona of the low centre of gravity, electrifying runs, deception and disguise on the ball, all coupled with brilliant ball control both in killing the ball and then accelerating off with it at speed.

This surely is the type of player whom we must encourage in this country, even though many an English Manager might say he is not so accomplished because of so called "deficiences".

A count taken on his play showed a lack of work rate, no successful tackles and no "tracking".

Despite all of this Ron Greenwood described Maradona as "a bit special!" and the memory of his play will live on even after the game itself has gone out of the mind's eye and into the record books.

His mere presence was enough to remind one of skilful players of yesteryear when the crowds flocked to see the likes of Finney, Matthews and above all Shackleton or in later days players such as Greaves, Law and Best. Surely no one could reasonably say crowds do not like this type of player and do not want to watch their style of game.

We must get back to basics and encourage the youngsters to treat Pele, Cruyff and Maradona as their idols and then go out and practice their own skills to emulate these stars. The F.A.'s Super Skills schemes and awards should go a long way to promoting this image and it was nice to see a demonstration by the youngsters again, before this year's Cup Final.

However schoolteachers must adopt the Super Skills awards into their sports curricula, if we are to see a rapid improvement. Incidentally the "count" on Maradona is interesting in the light of a player such as Glen Hoddle. If Maradona is indeed a superstar, and I for one say he is, it is sheer hypocrisy to denigrate Hoddle for failure to tackle, mark and track opponents.

We need more Hoddle's, Rix's and Hilaire's in our game and indeed players who can produce "skill and flair all over the pitch" as John Cartwright the England Youth Team Manager advocates.

One player who did show all round skill was Kenny Sansom even though he gave away a penalty trying to catch Maradona; but it was also our power in the air which according to Manager, Menotti worried the Argentinians most. If we can combine skill on the floor with power in the air and maintain the wonderful team spirit and team play engineered and engendered by Ron Greenwood, England are well on the way to winning the next World Cup.

It was not such a delight to be in Brussels on the Wednesday night following, when Arsenal failed to win the Cup winners Cup, their second Cup Final defeat in five days.

Although they lost 5-4 on penalties, their inability to score many goals throughout the season was the main cause of their downfall. When Kempes, one of the few World Cup winning Argentinians missing, quite naturally, from the Wembley game, allowed Jennings to save his penalty it looked as if Arsenal might win; but Carlos Pereira, a fine goalkeeper throughout on the night, made good saves from Brady and finally Rix in the sudden death session, to give Valencia the Cup, following Ricardo Arias's decisive spot kick.

After a long gruelling season in Europe this penalty affair was scant reward for Arsenal's efforts and it would have been just as unfair on Valencia if decided the other way.

Surely in an imperfect system generated by the necessity to have a finish on the night, it would be better if both teams shared the trophy, as with our Charity Shield, and both could go forward the following season into the competition proper, without getting a bye if the number of teams was uneven.

There would surely be no hardship for the teams either to play each other for a place in the next round or alternatively as joint winners take their chances throughout the following season.

Thus the fact that one night produced triumph and the next night produced despair, probably has something to do with football being such a fascinating pastime for so many and which made it both a merry and not so merry month of May.

Argentina goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol makes a great save against England.

Poland suffer

POLAND have lost three out of their last five friendly internationals, and could only manage to draw the other two, which is the worst series of results Poland have suffered for the past ten years. The record reads: Iraq (1-1), Hungary (1-2), Belgium (1-2), Italy (2-2) and Yugoslavia (1-2).

Rysazard Kulesza, the Polish manager, has had great difficulty in composing a settled side and has had to rely upon a few names from the past leading a team mainly consisting of inexperienced youngsters.

Easy victories

The Polish youth team have reached the finals of the 33rd UEFA Youth Tournament thanks to easy victories over Cyprus 6-0 on aggregate. The Under-21s met with defeat, however, at the hands of Hungary in Budapest by 0-2.

Szombierke still lead the League four points clear of Slask Wroclov who are one point ahead of Gornik Zabreze, but with nine matches yet to play it is still anyone's title.

Miljanic says no

A RECENT newspaper report stated that Yugoslavia national team manager, ex-Real Madrid mentor Miljan Miljanic, has turned down a £1 million offer from Barcelona to become their manager.

The Yugoslav national side recorded its 10th consecutive victory by defeating Poland 2-1.

Their fine run began on November 15, 1978 when they beat Greece 4-1 in the Balkan Nations Cup. Then came two victories over Cyprus to the tune of 3-0 and 5-0, a 4-1 victory over Italy, 4-2 over Argentina, 1-0 against Spain, 2-1 and 2-0 against Romania, 2-1 over Uruguay and 2-1 over Poland.

The Polish victory came in April in Borovo, with Sybis giving Poland a one-goal lead after 30 minutes. Mirocevic equalised for the Yugoslavs two minutes later and settled the game with this sixth goal for the national side after 70 minutes.

The Under-21 side, holders of the European Under-21 Championship, met with disaster against the USSR in the semi-finals with a 0-3 away defeat and a 0-1 home defeat.

Qualified

The Yugoslav Olympic side have qualified for the Moscow Olympics for the first time in 16 years thanks to 5-2 and 1-0 victories over Italy and Turkey respectively.

In the League, Red Star still lead after 24 matches, two points clear of Hajduk Split. Along with Sarajevo, these three sides are the only teams in contention for the title.

Four coaches, Ilijaz Pasic, Zlato Skoric, Vojislav Vidic, and Rade Ognjanovic, have been sent to Angola to help in their footballing development for the next two years.

CSKA AHEAD

IT'S as you were in the Bulgarian League, CSKA are still in number one spot four points clear of Slavia Sofia, the only two clubs who can take the title.

One of the season's shock results was bottom club Etur's 7-1 victory over Marek, who are about halfway in the League.

Banik lead

BANIK OSTRAVA are in with a real chance of taking the League Championship.

With a game in hand over their nearest rivals, Spartak Brno, they need just three points from their remaining four games.

Czechoslovakia will be going to Moscow as their Olympic side beat Hungary 3-0 in their qualifying match. Janecka, Vizek and Licka were the scorers.

The national side drew 2-2 with Spain in Gijon, with Nehoda scoring a brace after 33 and 53 minutes. Czechoslovakia have now beaten Spain five times out of their last seven meetings.

Holland beaten

THE East German Olympic team defeated Holland by 2-1 in a friendly thanks to goals from Liebers after 49 minutes and Uhlig after 53 minutes, Hakkens scored Holland's solitary goal in the 60th minute.

Rivals

The League has developed into a two-horse race between the two Dynamos, from Dresden and Berlin, as their nearest rivals are some 12 points adrift with only three matches left until the end of the season.

Dynamo Dresden are two points clear from their namesakes and defending champions from Berlin.

Tirana top

FC DYNAMO of Tirana are the 1979-80 League Champions, having finished five points clear of Nenfori, which is the greatest points margin in the League's history.

For the record, Tirana finished with 37 points from 26 matches in their 13th record-breaking League Championship.

Goals

Defending Champions, Partizani, finished in 4th place eight points adrift of Tirana.

In 182 League games 425 goals were scored which works out at 2.33 per game. Partizani scored the most number of goals, 45, with the League Champions scoring 41. Shkendia and Applonia are the two teams doomed to relegation.

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Romania struggle

ROMANIA have so far played three of their planned six friendly matches as part of their build-up to the 1982 World Cup qualifying stages.

They have yet to record a victory, losing 1-2 to Italy, 0-2 to Yugoslavia and drawing 2-2 with East Germany.

Settled side

They have three matches before their first qualifier, and it now seems that time is running out for manager Stefan Kovacs to put together a settled side.

In the League, Universitatea of Craiova are still on top and have a three-points margin over FC Steaua who are one point ahead of third-placed Arges.

The ultimate League Champions will come from these three pace setters.

BELGIUM

by Philip Smith

BRUGES CLINCH TITLE

FOR the fourth time in five years the Belgian League has been won by FC Bruges, their sixth title since being formed in 1894 and the first to be won under the leadership of the Dutchman Han Grijzenhout.

In order to take the title Bruges had to resist a very spirited and determined challenge by a Standard Liege side intent on recapturing former glories. During the last two months of the season both sides matched each other win for win and it wasn't until the penultimate weekend of the season that Standard's chance of the title disappeared.

On reflection, there were three matches critical to the eventual outcome. The first was in early March, after Standard had managed to draw level with Bruges thanks to dropping only two points in eight games following the resumption after Christmas. The shock defeat at Winterslag put Standard two points adrift and left them relying on Bruges dropping points.

There was a distinct possibility of this happening in the second vital match a month later, when Bruges visited an Anderlecht side that had to win to keep alive their own remote chance of the title. Both teams had key players missing due to injuries and suspension, but thanks to a goal by Van Walleghem, Bruges' 1-0 win removed Anderlecht's hopes and at the same time strengthened their own grip on the leadership.

The penultimate Saturday was reached with Bruges still two points ahead. Standard had reeled off six straight wins but incredibly Bruges had done likewise, so the situation was that if Standard dropped a point at Anderlecht and Bruges won at Beringen it would all be over.

Critical game number three saw 27,000 fans packed into the Parc Astrid stadium to see Van der Elst's last home match before his departure to the Cosmos. Standard took the lead after 66 minutes thanks to an own goal scored by De Groote and looked set for victory until seven minutes from time, when Plessers brought down Dusbaba in the box and Haan converted the penalty.

The dropped point was enough to send the Championship to Bruges, who at the same time were winning at Beringen by the only goal of the game scored by Courant.

Any side that can win nine consecutive games when the pressure is really on has to be worthy champions. It certainly cannot be said that Bruges were an attractive side when winning, but the results speak for themselves, as only five points were dropped in the second half of the season. The arrival of the Hungarian Balint secured a leaky defence, and his form has been such that the Belgian national sweeper Meeuws has recently been playing in midfield. The signing of Ray Clarke didn't work out and his departure to Brighton led to the return of the veteran Lambert, obviously past his best but still capable of making a valuable contribution.

Above all, however, it was the performances of Jan Ceulemans that took the title back to Bruges, and in a normal goalscoring season his total of 29 would have made him easily the leading scorer. On many occasions Ceulemans was the Bruges attack, his fast and direct style being ideal to wage a one-man war on opposing defences. When interviewed recently, Meeuws said that if they were to win the title it would be 60% thanks to Ceulemans.

A worthy successor indeed to the legendary Raoul Lambert, who has announced his retirement after more than 17 years as a first team player. For many years Lambert was one of the best forwards in Europe and would surely have attained far greater recognition had he not been so injury prone and playing for a national team which at the time was in the doldrums. A fifth Championship was a fitting reward for such a loyal and valued servant.

Standard Liege have the consolation of a season of marked progression and may still find some reward as they are favourites to lift the Belgian Cup, at the time of writing at the semi-final stage. It took the players a while to adjust to the methods of Happel and indeed a poor set of results before Christmas probably cost Standard the Championship. The temptation to feed Edstrom with a succession of high crosses was resisted, and although the tall Swede is not the greatest ball-player he has fitted in well with the fast moving approach play of Sigurvinsson and Vandersmissen. Next season could well bear the fruits of this season's labour.

RWDM and Lokeren both landed UEFA Cup places for next season. RWDM were always there or thereabouts but failed to convince that they would do anything more than finish third. Lokeren's disastrous second half of the season can mainly be attributed to the injuries to Dalving and Lubanski, but there will be few complaints as the aim of European competition has been achieved.

Erwin Van der Bergh of Lierse and Belgium.

As for Anderlecht, the 1-0 win at Logeren on the last day of the season was vital, as it meant finishing fifth and thereby guaranteeing a UEFA Cup place. Defeat at Lokeren would have left Anderlecht relying on Standard winning the Cup and therefore entering the Cup Winners Cup next season. Sixth-placed Lierse now have the dubious pleasure of willing Standard to victory.

Van der Elst's move was soon followed by Rensenbrink signing for the Portland Timbers, bringing to an end his highly-successful nine-year-era at the club. The next Anderlecht departure is expected to be trainer Urbain Braems, with the Yugoslav Ivic of Hajduk Split being tipped as a likely replacement. What with constant rumours of transfers and much internal bickering it was without question a season everyone connected with the club will want to forget as quickly as possible.

Despite having money available, the one signing Anderlecht had hoped for was dashed when Erwin Van den Bergh signed a new two-year contract with Lierse. His forthcoming marriage to a local girl and the success of Lierse were factors in his decision, and for Lierse President Quisenaerts was the great relief that he wouldn't have to follow the sales in recent years of Wellens and Ceulemans with that of his latest star. Six goals out of seven against Hasselt had Van den Bergh equalling the 37 goal Championship record set up in 1949-50 by Jef Mermans, and a further two goals against Cercle Bruges on the last day of he season made the record his own.

UEFA CUP FINAL

Brave victory for Eintracht Frankfurt

TWENTY years ago, the cause of international football was done a marvellous service by Eintracht Frankfurt and Real Madrid, with a brilliant exhibition of attacking football at Hampden Park.

The scene was the Champions' Cup Final. And though Frankfurt lost 7-3, the reputation they established in defeat has long outshone much of the brief glory claimed by clubs apparently more successful in Europe in the two decades since.

Now, Frankfurt need hark back no longer.

Their glory lies not only in the past, but in the present, thanks to the electrifying UEFA Cup Final win over Borussia Moenchengladbach — a defeat, the more impressive when you recall Borussia's European expertise, their pride in having won the trophy last season, and finally the fact that Frankfurt went in without their skipper and inspiration, Jürgen Grabowski.

Grabowski had, ironically, not recovered from an injury suffered in a league game between the clubs. But the fighting spirit of his colleagues more than made amends — though it wasn't until nine minutes from the end of the 180-minute battle that Frankfurt squeezed the single score which brought the narrowest of victories, thanks to the away goals rule.

New talent

But while Frankfurt may justly celebrate, spare more than a thought for Borussia. Last summer they lost Allan Simonsen, yet had rebuilt their attack into an equally penetrative weapon; last summer they said goodbye to Bertie Vogts, yet in Lothar Matthäus have uncovered a remarkable new talent.

And their bravery in defeat was underlined by the example of defender Norbert Ringels, who insisted on playing in the second leg in Frankfurt's Waldstadion despite having needed five stitches the previous Saturday after biting his tongue during a league game — an 'injury' which meant he could not speak and could barely swallow.

It is on such disturbances, both mental and physical, that the most evenly balanced games can be decided.

In the first leg in Boekelberg, Borussia were certainly stretched all the way. As early as the third minute Harald Karger was scaring Wolfgang Kneib with a 30-yard drive which slammed against the post, and after a spell of Borussia pressure, it was Frankfurt who claimed the first goal.

With Kneib nowhere in sight Karger headed in a Bernd Nickel left-wing corner, standing almost on the goal-line. It was to prove the only unsatisfactory goal of the evening.

Borussia hit back right on half-time when Christian Kulik snapped up a punch-out by Jürgen Pahl, to go wide of one defender and smack in a brilliant volley from the edge of the penalty box.

But still Frankfurt were able to organise their lines and go on looking for the chance to create another goal.

True to their ambition, it was veteran Bernd Hölzenbein who dived to head Frankfurt in front and though Matthäus grabbed another equaliser when an Ewald Lienen cross skidded across the penalty box, it seemed Frankfurt would get away with a draw.

Instant effect

That was when Jupp Heynckes achieved his stroke of luck. Perhaps the Borussia boss would say good judgment. But I doubt it. He could hardly have expected his use of substitute Dane Tychosen in place of the tiring Carsten Nielsen to show such instant effect.

After Ringels advanced from inside his own half, released a perfect pass inside the full-back, Thychosen sped to the by-line on the right and crossed to the near post where Kulik — the only survivor of the team beaten at this stage in 1972 by Liverpool — flew in to head into the bottom corner.

Borussia had won, and given themselves a major leg-up for the return. For the Germans were aware more than anyone of Borussia's ability to turn any tie upside down — their uncanny strength in being able to hit back hardest when apparently struggling on the ropes.

They had twice been behind and won only in the dying minutes. Yet such was their proud record in away ties in Europe that they travelled to Frankfurt still favourites.

Indeed, for most of the time it looked as if they would hang on to their crown. Frankfurt battled furiously away and had most of the first-half, but could rarely penetrate the Borussia defence and, when they did, found Wolfgang Kneib in secure form.

In the second-half Frankfurt were themselves in occasional danger as Borussia jerked out of defence in a selection of sharp counter-attacks — a tactic more and more threatening after the substitution of midfielder Carsten Nielsen with Bayern Munich target, Calle del'Haye.

In the 75th minute only brilliant reflex action saves within seconds from East German exile Pahl prevented Borussia grabbing the lead, first through skipper Kulik, then through Lienen, who seized on the rebound.

Unknown

But the substitute who really mattered was an unknown 19-year-old youth international Freddy Schaub, thrown on by Frankfurt coach Friedel Rausch with a little over 10 minutes to go.

Schaub replaced Frankfurt's other East German, Nachtweih, and within four minutes had written himself — and Frankfurt — into the record books.

Picking up a loose ball on the edge of the Borussia box he squeezed past two tackles before sliding his shot beyond Kneib's reach.

At last, 20 years later, Eintracht Frankfurt had landed a European crown.

UEFA CUP FINAL
1st leg (May 7)

Borussia Mg 3 (Kulik 44, 88, Matthäus 76).
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Karger 37, Hölzenbein 71).
HT: 1-1. **Att.**: 25,000. **Ref**: Guruceta (Sp.).

Borussia: Kneib — Schäffer, Schäfer, Hannes, Ringels — Matthäus, Kulik, Nielsen (Thychosen 85) — Del'Haye, Nickel, Lienen.

Frankfurt: Pahl — Ehrmanntraut, Neuberger, Körbel, Pezzey, Lorant, Hölzenbein, Karger, Borchers, B. Nickel, Cha.

2nd leg (May 21)

Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Schaub 81).
Borussia Mg 0.
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 60,000. **Ref**: Ponnet (Bel.).

Frankfurt: Pahl — Neuberger, Pezzey, Körnbel, Ehrmanntraut — Lorant, Hölzenbein, Borxhers, B. Nickel — Cha, Nachtweih (Schaub 77).

Borussia: Kneib — Bödecker, Hannes, Schäfer, Ringels — Matthäus, (Tychosen 85), Fleer, Kulik, Nielsen (Del'Haye 68) — H. Nickel.

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Late news

VALENCIA and German club Köln have agreed a £350,000 fee for the transfer of Rainer Bonhof home from Spain. Bonhof left Borussia Moenchengladbach for £400,000 after the 1978 World Cup Finals, but found it hard to settle.

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ARGENTINA finished their three-match European tour with a positive result overall — three matches played, two won. After the initial 3-1 defeat at Wembley, they strolled past the Republic of Ireland (1-0 in Dublin), before slaughtering Austria 5-1 in Vienna. The Viennese fans, who said goodbye during the game to veteran skipper Robert Sara, were treated to a hat-trick show from wonder boy Diego Maradona. Santamaria and Luque scored the other Argentina goals. Kurt Jara replied for Austria, who found themselves 3-0 down after only 15 minutes.

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SOUTH AMERICA by Eric Weil

AMERICA THROUGH TO SEMI-FINALS

COLOMBIAN champions America were the only Libertadores Cup semi-final qualifiers so far (at press time) as winners of group 4 which had completed its fixtures, but as the tournament has been won so often by Argentine clubs — 12 times out of 20 — the pending clash between Velez Sarsfield and River Plate, which was to decide group 1, was being looked upon as a possible pointer to this year's cup winners.

In Group 1, Velez Sarsfield and River Plate had little opposition from Peru's Sporting Cristal and Atletico Chalaco — specially the latter who were surprise qualifiers and must be one of the weakest teams ever to play in the competition.

The Argentine teams won their home games easily and might have won more easily away also if they had speculated less and gone all out for goals, specially River Plate who had their work cut out against Sporting Cristal in Lima after the latter's veteran international defender Hector Chumpitaz had spectacularly levelled the score just after half-time with a 30-metre free-kick. River Plate, eventual 2-1 winners, needed both points to reach the final clash with Velez Sarsfield on level terms.

Highlight of the series of drab games in this group were Jorge Sannabria's four goals — three of them headers — against Atletico Chalaco in the 5-2 victory in Buenos Aires with which he went to the top of the scorers table with five goals. Velez eased up after leading 5-0 already 10 minutes after half-time and this allowed Chalaco to score the only two goals in the competition so far — which were also the only two conceded by Velez Sarsfield in five games.

River Plate may be the better team with more individual talent — which has frequently pulled them out of trouble — but they have not played well in the Cup — possibly due to the pressure on the players to win this tournament for the first time — and Velez Sarsfield have given the more solid performances.

In Group 2, with Uruguayan first division champions Penarol being absent from the Libertadores Cup for only the second time in its history, due to a curious method of qualifying Uruguay's representatives, that country's teams — Nacional and Defensor — have not had it all their own way against Bolivian champions Oriente Petrolero and vice-champions The Strongest. Thus, at the half-way stage, The Strongest and Nacional share the lead with five points from three games, but as in pending matches the Bolivians will have to travel to Montevideo, it is still odds on Nacional — so often overshadowed by neighbours Penarol in this tournament — qualifying for the semi-finals.

Strange nevertheless was that in the opening match Nacional hardly deserved to beat co-nationals Defensor 1-0 and later they lost 3-0 to The Strongest in La Paz where the latter, playing their best match in the tournament, over-ran their rivals from the kick-off, scoring in the first minute.

Group 3 has produced the first round surprise with Galicia, Venezuela's vice-champions, holding Brazilians Vasco da Gama 0-0 and beating champions Internacional de Porto Alegre 2-1 in Caracas. This gives them a two-point lead over Internacional with two games to go — and even if these games are both away against the two Brazilian team it is nevertheless a surprisingly good show by the Venezuelan team against what should be superior opposition. Galicia now only need to hold Internacional to a draw in Porto Alegre to be almost sure of a semi-final place.

Brazilian teams played for draws, without taking risks, in Venezuela, but with almost man-for-man superiority this seemed hardly necessary — specially in the case of Internacional who have an outstanding midfield with Falcao — currently considered Brazil's leading player — and Batista. Galicia's 2-1 victory was deserved, although perhaps the Brazilians found the going tough on a poor and bumpy field, while the Venezuelan team took its fewer chances well. Vasco da Gama meanwhile had internal problems with World Cup goalkeeper Leao and Ze Maria whom they suspended as disciplinary action, thus playing their last two cup games without them. One of these they lost 2-1 to Internacional in Porto Alegre and this could have been the decider. It gave Internacional a one-point lead over them as previously the teams had drawn 0-0 in Rio de Janeiro.

Tachira, a club started only five years ago and in the Venezuelan professional league for two, won their domestic title for the first time last year, but are now the only team in the cup without a point so far, having lost their four matches 1-0.

LEADING TRANSFERS OF SOUTH AMERICAN PLAYERS

HUGO SOTIL — Peruvian international forward — from Independiente Medellin (Colombia) to Deportivo Municipal (Peru).
JAIRZINHO — Brazilian former international forward — signed for Wilsterman (Bolivia) on free transfer.
JOSE VELASQUEZ — Peruvian international half — from Independiente Medellin (Colombia) to Blizzard (Canada).
JULIO RODRIGUEZ — Uruguayan half — from Penarol (Uruguay) to Everton (Chile) on one-year loan.
CARLOS KIESE — Paraguayan international half — from Olimpia (Paraguay) to Gremio Porto Alegre (Brazil) for $400,000.
PEDRO ROCHA — former Uruguayan international half — from Neza (Mexico) on free transfer to Defensor (Uruguay).

River Plate and Newell's Old Boys clash in a vital top-of-the-table battle at the former's World Cup stadium and River Plate, fielding a number of reserves in view of Libertadores Cup commitments, only manage to equalise nine minutes from the end for the 1-1 draw. Here Newell's junior international midfielder, Juan Simon get the ball away from River's dangerous striker, Ramón Diaz — another junior international — with a spectacular overhead kick. On the right is River Plate midfielder, Juan Jose Lopez.

Diego Maradona, shielding face, surrounded as usual by markers in an Argentine first division match between his club, Argentinos Juniors, and Racing Club which ended in a 2-2 draw. Getting the ball away is Enrique Veloso (left), who kicked it up and Hirschfeld (right, No. 2), who headed it away — a two-man job to get it out of Maradona's reach.

In Group 4, Ecuador's Universidad Catolica de Quito registered the tournament's easiest win so far — 5-0 against co-nationals Emelec of Guayaquil — and also beat Colombian champions America de Cali 4-2 at home earlier, but that was the latter's only defeat as they won the group comfortably by three points to become the first semi-final qualifiers. America's Argentine-born defender Pascuttini finished as the group's leading scorer with four goals and there was no doubt that the Colombian champions were the most experienced side.

Group 5's disappointment so far as Chilean champions Colo Colo, but possibly the club's financial situation — it is intervened by the Chilean FA — which has carried over to player's contracts, has had something to do with it. They lost both matches in Paraguay against Sol de America (1-2) and Cerro Porteno (3-5) and only managed to beat their own vice-champions, O'Higgins, in one of two games.

But this is still the closest group with the two Paraguayan teams both on five points — none of them are their country's champions as these, Olimpia, as Libertadores Cup holders, have a bye into the semi-finals — and the two Chilean teams on three points with two matches each to go. What upset the applecart for Sol de America was their only defeat — at home by no less than 4-1 to O'Higgins. It gave the latter their only win so far and it was the type of result which made any predictions in this group impossible.

Leading the scorers here was Colo Colo's organiser-in-chief, Brazilian Vasconcellos with four goals and the club really has the experienced players to win this group.

BRAZIL'S new national team coach, Tele Santana, surprised fans by leaving out goalkeeper Ledao and several other established stars from a squad he picked to prepare for international matches in June against Mexico, Portugal and Yugoslavia (at home) — first step of preparation for the Gold Cup tournament in Montevideo at the end of the year and the next World Cup. In fact, he included only four of the players who were in Argentina for the 1978 World Cup finals — defender Amaral and halves Batista, Cereso and Zico.

But Santana says he left out players like Leo—a regular choice for the last 10 years—because he knows what they can do and at this stage he wants to try out other players, although it is expected that many of the stars, who seemed unmovable under his predecessor as coach. Claudio Coutinho, are unlikely to be back.

The squad is: Goal — Carlos (Ponte Preta), Raul (Flamengo); Backs — Nelinho (Cruzeiro), Junir (Flamengo), Pedrinho (Palmeiras), Amaral (Corinthians), Luisinho (Mineiro), Rondinelli (Flamengo); Halves — Batista (Internacional), Falcao (Internacional), Cerezo (Mineiro), Zico (Flamengo); Forwards — Tarciso (Gremio), Ze Sergio (Sao Paulo), Joaozinho (Cruzeiro), Socrates (Corinthians), Reinaldo (Mineiro).

Tele Santana, who has a reputation for being strict — which could cause friction with some of the Brazilian players — wants to get his players to adopt a more aggressive European style, make better use of the wings and free kicks. He will be in Rome in June to watch future rivals in the European Nations Cup finals.

CHILE has also started regular national team training under coach Luis Santibanez with an early tour abroad in view.

Included in the 22-man squad is veteran defender Elias Figueroa, captain until last year who had signified his intention of retiring from international soccer, but coach Santibanez made him change his mind.

The Squad is: Goal — Mario Osben (Colo Colo), Oscar Wirth (Cobreloa); Defenders — Mario Galindo (Colo Colo), Enzo Escobar (Cobreloa), Juan Ubilla (Unive. Catolica), Elias Figueroa (Palestino), Rene Valenzuela (Univ. Catolica); Leonel Herrera (Colo Colo), Mario Soto (Cobreloa); Halves — Manuel Rojas and Rodolfa Duba (Palestina), Miguel Neinra (O'Higgins), Carlos Rivals and Eddie Inostroza (Colo Colo), Daniel Silva (Univ.Catolica); Forwards — Patricio Yanez (San Luis), Jorge Socias (Univ. de Chile), Carlos Cazsley, Leonardo Veliz and Juan Orellana (Colo Colo), Jorge Peredo (Palestino), Oscaldo Hurtado (Univ. Catolica).

COLOMBIA'S Squad of 22 are already in periodic daily training between league matches (during the week) under Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo, preparing for next year's World Cup preliminary matches against Peru and Uruguay.

PERU want to engage a foreign coach to prepare them for the World Cup. They contacted their former coach, Brazilian Didi, who took them to the 1970 finals and is now coaching in Saudi Arabia, but he wants $6,000 per month. Hungarian Lajos Baroti was apparently prepared to do it for half as much, but it was still too expensive for the Peruvian FA. If they want something cheaper they might have to make do with their local coaches.

COLOMBIA qualified for the Olympic soccer finals by placing second behind Argentina in the South American qualifying tournament. They are prepared to go to Moscow, but haven't got the funds, so they suggested the Soviet Union pay their fares and stay and that the Colombian FA would invite a Soviet team under similar conditions in 1981. Apparently the offer was being studied.

EURO-RESULTS

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Semi-finals, first legs
(April 9)

Nottm Forest 2 (Francis 33, Robertson 60 pen)
Ajax Amsterdam 0
HT: 1-0. **Att**: 31,244. **Ref**: Daina (Swz).

Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowles, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.

Ajax: Schrijvers — Wijnberg, Krol, Zwamborn, Boeve — Schoenaker, Arnesen, Lerby — La Ling (Bonsink 51), Jensen, Tahamata.

Holders Forest neared a second successive final thanks above all to the controversial skills of Trevor Francis. In the first ten minutes he twice tested the Dutch defence and though Tscheu La Ling was an occasional threat to Forest, it was Francis who opened the scoring.

John Robertson's corner was cleared off the goal-line after a scramble, and Francis hit home the rebound.

After an hour Francis had a key role to play in the second goal. He just managed to catch a long pass out to the wing from Stan Bowles — preferred to Ian Bowyer in midfield — and when he swerved the ball across Cees Zwamborn handled needlessly.

Robertson converted his 13th penalty of the season.

Real Madrid 2 (Santillana 66 and 79)
Hamburg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 125,000. **Ref**: Christov (Cz).

Madrid: Garcia Remon — Camacho, Sabido, Pirri, P. Garcia — Angel, Stielike, Del Boscue — Juanito (Roberto Martinez 88), Santillana, Cunningham.

Hamburg: Kargus — Kaltz, Nogly, Jakobs, Hidien — Hartwig, Magath, Keegan — Reimann, Hrubesch, Milewski.

Kevin Keegan's dreams of ending his three years at Hamburg in European Cup glory started to fade after his defensive-orientated team conceded two second-half goals to a Madrid desperately keen to play in the final on their own ground.

Madrid started brilliantly. In the first seven minutes Santillana and Cunningham had goals disallowed and Cunningham had a header cleared off the line. Hamburg threatened only with a 38th-minute header from new West German centre forward, Horst Hrubesch.

Madrid dominated the second half and went ahead through Santillana after confusion in the Hamburg defence following a raid inspired by Del Bosque and the Spaniards' own German, Uli Stielike. Cunningham it a post before Stielike cleverly let the ball run through for his centre forward to score No 2.

Magath was booked for a foul on Cunningham and Madrid won nine corners to Hamburg's three.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Semi-finals, first legs
(April 9)

Nantes 2 (Baronchelli 25 and 79)
Valencia 1 (Kempes 55)
HT: 1-0. **Att**: 25,000. **Ref**: Eschweiler (WG).

Nantes: Bertrand-Demanes — Bossis, Rio, Michel, Tusseau — E. Trossero, Muller (V. Trossero 76), Rampillon (Toure 73) — Baronchelli, Pecout, Amisse.

Valencia: Pereira — Carrete, Tendillo, Arias, Botubot — Solsona, Bonhof, Castellanos — Saura, Kempes, Pablo..

Valencia were fortunate to escape so lightly and with such a fine opportunity of earning a place in the final in Brussels. Their attack never showed a spark to provide much trouble to a Nantes team who were thus able to spend more time than they might have imagined in attack.

It took Nantes only 25 minutes to go in front. Michel's free kick glancing off the head of Bruno Baronchelli, who also headed the winner 11 minutes from time after a right wing raid by Maxime Bossis.

In between Mario Kempes held off a challenge by Patrice Rio to take a through pass from Rainer Bonhof to the edge of the French penalty box and score a possible vital goal.

Arsenal 1 (Bettega own goal 86)
Juventus 1 (Cabrini 10)
HT: 0-1. **Att**: 51,998. **Ref**: Corver (Hol).

Arsenal: Jennings — Devine (Vaessen 84), Walford, Talbot, O'Leary (Rice 25), Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

Juventus: Zoff — Cuccuraddu, Cabrini, Furino, Brio, Scurea, Causio, Tardelli, Bettega, Gentile, Marocchino (Fanna 46).

Some 46 years on, another Battle of Highbury, again against Italians, with the row over Roberto Bettega's felling of David O'Leary and the 33rd-minute explusion of Marco Tardelli.

Juventus had already gone ahead in the 10th minute before the unpleasantness began. A John Devine mistake let in Bettega, he was brought down by Brian Talbot and though Pat Jennings stopped Antonio Cabrini's penalty kick, the full back followed up to score.

Ten minutes later the trouble began. O'Leary took an awful foul by Bettega — Arsenal later claimed only his shin pad saved him from a leg fracture — and was carried out of the game, while Tardelli went soon after for fouling Liam Brady — the man he had been set to mark from the first minute.

Arsenal got the ball in the net through Alan Sunderland just before half-time, but the effort was disallowed for an infringement and despite their numerical superiority it wasn't until six minutes from the end that they at last got on the score sheet.

Even then it was courtesy of Juventus, for Bettega was trapped into heading into his own goal, under pressure from Stapleton, after Young headed on a free kick from Brady.

Nottingham Forest's captain John McGovern shakes hands with Ajax's captain Rudi Krol prior to their European Cup semi-final meeting.

Ajax's Danish star Soren Lerby turns away after scoring against Nottingham Forest in the European Cup Semi-final second leg.

UEFA CUP
Semi-finals, first leg
(April 9)

Bayern Munich 2 (Hoeness 50, Breitner 76 pen)
Eintracht Frankfurt 0
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 14,000. **Ref**: Padar (Hun).

Bayern: Junghans — Dremmler. Weiner, Augenthaler, Horsmann — Kraus (Niedermayer 46), Breitner, Oblak (Janzon 46) — D. Hoeness, Rummenigge.

Frankfurt: Funk — Müller, Pezzey, Körbel, Neuberger — Eölzenbein, Lorant, Borchers, Nachtweih — Cha, Karger.

Supersub Norebert Janzon was again Bayern's hero on their progress through the UEFA Cup. After a first half in which Frankfurt, despite the continued injury absence of Jurgen Grabowski and the controversial inclusion of Bruno Pezzey — suspended from the Bundesliga — held out coolly under pressure.

However at half-time Pal Csernai sent on Janzon for Branko Oblak, and five minutes later he had gone down the line to see Dieter Hoeness turn in his cross. Now Bayern began to take a grip. Neuberger cleared off the line from Hoeness before, in the 76th minute, Pezzey pulled down Janson going into the box and Paul Breitner struck home the penalty.

Stuttgart 2 (Ohlicker 87, Volkert 89 pen)
Borussia Mg 1 (Nickel 75)
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 42,000. **Ref**: Courtney (Eng).

Stuttgart: Roleder — Martin (Rühle 87), Holcer, B. Förster, Elmer — Hattenberger, Müller, Kelsch — Schmider (Klotz 65), Ohlicher, Volkert.

Borussia: Kneib — Bödeker, Hannes, Schäffer, Eleer — Schäfer, Matthäus, Nielsen (Klinkhammer 82) — Del'Haye, Nickel, Lienen (Kulik 73).

A fine game, ending in a dramatic climax when Stuttgart hit two goals in the last three minutes to turn the match upside down.

Though Borussia thought they might have had an early penalty after Holcar appeared to foul Bödeker, it was mostly one-way traffic in the other direction. Wolfgang Kneib saved brilliantly from Bernd Förster, Kelsch twice and Ohlicher, while Schäfer cleared a Hansi Müller header off the goal-line.

Borussia's answer was to strike back harder on their own account. Lienen and Nielsen between them wasted a glorious break when only Holcer was left before the Stuttgart goalkeeper. Then Karl Del'Haye provided the opening from which Harald Nickel put the holders ahead.

Stuttgart forged forward with more determination and even goalkeeper Roleder was a full 30 yards out of goal when he cleared his lines on one occasion! Their optimism was rewarded when Ohlicher hit home a Klotz header, and then when Ohlicher was this time fouled by Bödeker, and Georg Volkert hit the penalty spot winner.

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Semi-finals, second leg
(April 23)

Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Lerby 65)
Nottingham Forest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 65,000. **Ref**: Rainea (Rum).
Forest 2-1 on agg.

Ajax: Schrijvers — Boeve, Meutstege (Zwamborn 46), Wijnberg, Krol, Lerby, Arnesen, Jensen, La Ling, Bonsink, Schoenaker.

Forest: Shilton — Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.

Two world class saves in the second half from Peter Shilton, once to a free kick from Soren Lerby, another to a free kick from Karel Bonsink, kept Forest in the European Cup and just about on course to their second successive final.

However Forest had to admit their first away defeat in the competition, to a headed goal by Danish international Soren Lerby from a Henning Jenson corner.

"We should never have conceded the corner, let alone the goal," said Brian Clough later.

Ajax recovered from their shock 6-3 home defeat in the league at the weekend, but had few chances against a well-organised defence built on the solid foundations laid by Kenny Burns and Larry Lloyd.

Hamburg 5 (Kaltz 11 pen, 40, Hrubesch 17, 43, Memering 88)
Real Madrid 1 (Cunningham 30)
HT: 4-1. **Att**: 61,000. **Ref**: Michelotti (It).
Hamburg 5-3 on agg.

Hamburg: Kargus — Kaltz, Buljan, Jakobs, Hidien — Nogly, Magath, Memering — Reimann, Hrubesch, Keegan.

Madrid: Garcia Remon (Miguel Angel 31) — Perez Garcia, Benito, Pirri, Camacho — Angel, Stielike, Del Bosque, — Juanito (Roberto Martinez 88), Santillana, Cunningham.

Brilliant Hamburg reached the Champions' final for the first time thanks to this win.

So ineffective in Madrid two weeks before, they destroyed Madrid's hopes of a 'home' final before half-time. Kevin Keegan was tormentor in chief, and it was punching him that Vincente Del Bosque was sent off (for the second time this season) five minutes from the end.

Manni Kaltz hit Hamburg's first from a penalty disputed by the Spaniards after Perez Garcia fouled Keegan, and Horst Hrubesch beaded a second soon after. However a fine lob by Laurie Cunningham gave Madrid the away goal advantage briefly before the Germans threw themselves back onto the attack.

Kaltz hammered another, Hrubesch headed another and — in the dying seconds of the game — Caspar Memering converted a Hrubesch cross at point-blank range.

Madrid blamed the early penalty and the injury to Mariano Garcia Remon which meant substituting a 'cold' goalkeeper, but coach Vujadin Boskov admitted too that on the night Hamburg deserved to go through.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
(Semi-finals, second legs)
(April 23)

Juventus 0
Arsenal 1 (Vaessen 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 67,000. **Ref**: Limemayr (Aus).
Arsenal 2-1 on agg.

Juventus: Zoff — Cuccureddu, Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini — Furino, Prandelli (Marocchino 67), Tavola — Causio, Bettega, Fanna.

Arsenal: Jennings — Rice, O'Leary, Young, Devine — Talbot (Hollins 77), Rix, Brady, Price (Vaessen 77) — Sunderland, Stapleton.

Arsenal gained magnificent revenge for the battering of the first leg when they became the first British side to win against Juventus in Italy in European competition.

Juventus clearly hoped that the first leg away goal would be enough and only a second half header from Roberto Bettega gave any serious exercise to Pat Jennings.

Arsenal, on the other hand, greeted with a hail of fireworks by the Italian crowd, were always the more aggressive and attacking-minded team, though it wasn't until the 88th minute that substitute Paul Vaessen climbed above the Juventus defence to head in Rix's cross after his stealthy run from the left.

Apart from that it was a dull game. The only compensation for Juventus was that the game brought club record receipts of £250,000.

Valencia 4 (Bonhof 9, Subirats 43, Kempes 58 and 77)
Nantes 0
HT: 2-0. **Att.** 50,000. **Ref**: Ponnet (Bel).
Valencia 5-2 on agg.

Valencia: Pereira — Carrete, Arias, Tendillo, Botubot — Solsona, Subirats, Bonhof, Saura (Vilarroda) — Kempes, Pablo.

Nantes: Bertrand-Demanes — Bossis, Michel, Rio, Tusseau — E. Trossero, Rampillon, Muller — Baronchelli, Pecout (Toure), Amisse.

Valencia, coached by Alfredo Di Stefano, were in fine form. Though Nantes came close in the early minutes through Bruno Baronchelli, and though Gilles Rampillon got the ball in the net in the 17th minute only to be ruled offside, there was only one team really in it.

Rainer Bonhof converted a Mario Kempes pass for No 1 and a Javier Subirate drive took a deflection to fox World Cup goalkeeper Bertrand-Demanes just before half-time.

After the interval Bonhof laid on the third for Kempes and it was after a foul on the German that the Argentine World Cup hero converted the penalty for No 4.

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UEFA CUP
(Semi-finals, second legs)
(April 22)

Eintracht Frankfurt 5 (Pezzey 30, 86, Karger 102, 107, Lorant 117 pen.)
Bayern Munich 1 (Dremmler 104)
HT: 1-0. 90 min: 2-0. **Att**:34,000. **Ref**:
Frankfurt 5-3 on agg.

Frankfurt: Pahl — Neuberger (Müller 83), Pezzey, Körbel, Ehrmanntraut (Karger 83) — Lorant, Nachtweih, Borchers, Nickel — Cha, Hölzenbein.

Bayern: Junghans — Dremmler, Weiner, Augenthaler, Horsmann — Niedermayer, Dürnberger (Janzon 91), Breitner, Kraus (Oblak 40) — Rummenigge, D. Hoeness.

Frankfurt, surprisingly, ran West German league leaders Bayern out of sight in extra time. yet it was Bruno Pezzey, the Austrian stopper suspended from the Bundesliga, whom they had to thank.

He snuffed out Dieter Hoeness, organised Frankfurt in midfield and scored the two goals which earned extra time. The first followed a scramble in front of goal, the second — the equaliser on aggregate — came after Bernd Nickel took one of Frankfurt's 24 corners.

Substitute striker Harald Karger, brought on with ten minutes to go in normal time, scored what appeared the winner in the 102nd minute, but Wolfgang Dremmler snatched a fortunate goal for Bayern just before the extra-time interval.

Bayern now led on the away goal, but not for long. Karger headed Frankfurt in front from a Nickel free kick, and Werner Lorant's penalty made sure just before the end after Karger had been brought down.

Borussia Mg 2 (Matthäus 23, Winfried Schaefer 67)
Stuttgart 0
HT: 1-0. **Att**: 32,000. **Ref**:
Borussia 3-2 on agg.

Borussia Mg: Kneib — Fleer, Bödeker, Schäfer, Ringels — Matthäus, Kulik (Schäffer 78), Nielsen (Klinkhammer 85) — Del'Haye, Nickel, Lienen.

Stuttgart: Roleder — Martin, Holcer, K. Förster, Elmer (Klotz 5) — B. Förster, Hattenberger, Ohlicher, Müller — Kelsch, Schmider (Janke 46).

Holders Borussia moved into the final again thanks to goals from two of their midfielders. The game was a tough one however. Four men were booked — Calle Del'Haye and Schaefer of Borussia and Hansi Müller and Bernd Förster of Stuttgart — and the visitors had defender Markus Elmer taken to hospital with a head injury five minutes into the game.

A first half goal from 19-year-old revelation Lothar Matthäus — so highly rated by Berti Vogts — and one in the second half from Schaefer were more than enough for Borussia to complete the all-German final.

APRIL 1

Zurich
Switzerland 2 (Schnyder 9 and 76)
Greece 0
HT. 1-0. **Att**: 12,000. **Ref**: Krchnak (Cz).

Switzerland: Burgener — Wehrli, Zappa, Heinz Hermann, Bizzini — Schnyder, Barberis, Andrey, Botteron (Maissen 73) — PFister, Sulser.

Greece: Konstantinou — Kyrastas, Kapsis, Firos, Iossifidis — Tersanidis, Livanthinos (Ardizoglu 80), Kouis (Kostikos 46), Damanakis — Yfantidis, Galakos.

Another setback for the Greeks, even allowing for the absence of injured spearhead Tomas Mavros. The Swiss thought the Greeks better than the Czechoslovaks, whom they'd beaten by the same score a few weeks before. But that wasn't much consolation for Altekas Panagulias, knowing that Messrs. Kubala, Venglos and Bearzot were all spying in the stands.

Servette's Marc Schnyder became the first Swiss player for 10 years to score twice in an international.

The Greeks never controlled him properly in midfield, where veteran Tersanidis looked out of his depth. Perhaps the Greeks were saving themselves for Italy and the European finals.

APRIL 2

Munich
West Germany 1 (Müller 34)
Austria 0
HT: 1.0. **Att**: 78,000. **Ref**: Vautrot (Fr).

W. Germany: Nigbur (Schumacher 46) — Kaltz, Cullmann, K. Förster, Dietz (Briegel 16) — Bonhof, B. Förster (Schuster 46), H. Müller — Rummenigge, Hrubesch, K. Allofs (Del'Haye 71).

Austria: Koncilia — Pospichil, Pezzey, Mirnegg, Hintermaier — Hattenberger, Jara, Prohaska, Kreuz — Welzl (Gasselich 71), Schachner.

Hans Krankjl wasn't fit to test the Germans but Austria knew all the problems, with five *Bundesliga* players in their ranks, even if skipper Robert Sara was now absent from right back.

Even so the Germans took revenge for their World Cup defeat, but only thanks to a marvellous goal from Hansi Müller — recalled to the squad after being dropped following a row with his Stuttgart coach.

Horst Hrubesch made a reasonable impression as spearhead in place of broken leg victim Klaus Fischer. This was the Hamburg man's debut.

Brussels
Belgium 2 (Coeck 38, Van den Bergh 58)
Poland 1 (Lato 64)
HT: 1-0. **Att**: 15,000. **Ref**: Aldinger (WG).

Belgium: Custers — Gerets, L. Millecamps (Martens 46), Meeuws, Renquin — Van Moer (Plessers 65), Vandereycken, Coeck — Van der Elst, Van den Bergh, Ceulemans.

Poland: Mowlik — Dziuba, Janas, Rudy, Wojcicki, Kipka, Motyka, Miloszewica, Lato, Iwan, Palasz.

Straightforward for the Belgians, though they might have been in trouble in the second half. The substitution of Wilfried Van Moer clearly caused problems in midfield despite the return after injury of Ludo Coeck. And then Erwin Van den Bergh mishit a penalty and Mowlik saved to keep the Poles in with a chance.

Enzo Bearzot, Ron Greenwood and Hennes Weisweiler were among the crowd — Weisweiler to see his latest addition to the New York Cosmos squad, François Van der Elst, who signed an agreement on the eve of what proved Belgium's first win over Poland since 1933.

Bucharest
Rumania 2 (Sandu 30, 60)
E. Germany 2 (Streich 78, Schmuck 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att**: 25,000.

Rumania: Iordache — Tilihoi, Sames, Stefanescu, Munteanu, Ticleanu, Boloni, Dobrin, Radacanu, Sandy, Balaci.

E. Germany: Grapenthin — Kurbjuweit, Schmuck, Doerner, Kische — Weber, Pommerenke, Haefner — Hoffman, Kotte, Riediger.

The East Germans saved a draw late in the game thanks to their superior fitness, though it wasn't enough to condemn the Rumanians to a third successive defeat.

There was some dispute about whether the Rumanians' second goal should have been given to Sandu, or counted as an own goal by Hans-Jürgen Doerner.

APRIL 16

Leipzig
E. Germany 2 (Weber 64, Streich 69 pen)
Greece 0
HT: 0-0. **Att**: 20,000. **Ref**: Maanson (Den).

E. Germany: Croy — Kische, Doerner, Weise, Weber, Haefner, Pommerenke (Sekora 46), Lindemann (Kotte 46), Riediger, Streich, Hoffman.

Greece: Konstantinou — Gounaris, Kapsis, Firos, Iossifidis — Livanthinos, Tersanidis, Damanakis, Yfantidis — Galakos (Xantopoulos 69), Ardizoglu (Kousoulakis 46).

In a poor game the Greeks were beaten yet again, following previous setback this year against Cyprus (only a draw), and defeats by France and Switzerland.

They might have gone ahead through Maik Galakos, but Jürgen Croy, back in the East German goal after a 17-month injury absence, saved well.

In the second half Gerd Weber put the Germans ahead after Konstantinou had only blocked a Riediger effort, and five minutes later Joachim Streich grabbed No 2 from a penalty.

Galakos hit a post and Livanthinos the bar as the Greeks tried to reply — this time looking far more sure of themselves in midfield.

Gijon
Spain 2 (Migueli 48, Quini 68)
Czechoslovakia 2 (Nehoda 33, 53)
HT: 0-1. **Att**: 25,000. **Ref**: Fahnler (Aus).

Spain: Arconada — Uria, Migueli, Alesanco, Gordillo — Mesa (Quini 7), Del Bosque, Zamora — Dani, Santillana, Juanito.

Czechoslovakia: Netolicka — Barmos, Vojacek, Jurkemik (Ondrus 44), Fiala — Kozak, Panenka, Berger (Vizek 74) — Masny (Lizka 74), Nehoda, Janecka.

Another failure for Kubala's men, who were clearly the inferior side, though they battled hard — particularly in the first half, and despite a series knee injury suffered early on by midfielder Mesa.

A fine move with Hanecka allowed Nehoda to put the Czechs ahead and after Migueli had headed in a Juanito corner, the Dukla top scorer made it 2-1, again after a final pass from Janecka.

However the eighth game between these two countries — the Czechs have won five and lost two — ended in a draw after Santillana sent away Quini. Though Netolica blocked his first sot the Gijon veteran was following up to make sure, despite the challange of Vojacek — whose early tackle had unwittingly led to Mesa's untimely exit.

Italian assistant Azeglio Vicini, West German aide Erich Ribeck and Belgium's boss Guy Thys were all in the crowd.

"i think we deserved the draw," said Spain's captain Vicente Del Bosque, surprisingly recalled for the game. "But the Czechs are a useful side . . ." Useful enough certainly to snuff out Spain's darting little danger men, Dani and Juanito.

For the Czechs, Dukla midfielder Jan Berger was making his senior debut.

APRIL 19

Turin
Italy 2 (Causio 1, Scirea 23)
Poland 2 (Sybis 9, Szarmach 36 pen.)
HT: 2-2. **Att**: 45,000. **Ref**: White (Eng).

Italy: Zoff (Bordon 46) — Gentile, Cabrini, Oriali (Zaccarelli 46, Buriani 53), Collovati, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli, Rossi, Antognoni (Graziani 58), Bettega.

Poland: Mowlik — Dziuba, Zmuda, Rudy, Janas, Wojcicki, Lato, Miloszewicz (Nawalka 89), Sybis (Mazur 58), Szarmach, Palasz (Lipka 85).

Twice in front, Italy lost concentration each time and instead of rubbing home their advantage, allowed their opponents to catch up.

Manager Enzo Bearzot dismissed suggestions that the Juventus seven had been saving themselves for the return with Arsenal in the Cup-winners' Cup. Yet the game only lasted one half, to the intense disgust of the crowd in the stadium where Italy face England in the European finals.

With Paolo Rossi at his best despite the scandal storm clouds gathering over what could prove his last international, the Italians owed to him the sweet first-minute move which ended in Mowlik failing to clasp Franco Causio's first shot, thus allowing the right winger to make sure at second attempt.

Sybis, given a clear run by Oriali, nipped in to hit the equaliser beyond Italian skipper Dino Zoff, playing his 80th international, before sweeper Gaetano Scirea smashed in a glorious drive to restore the Azzurri lead.

Scirea was also the culprit, however, a little later. For it was his foul on Palasz, the lively winger who had played so well against Belgium, which provided the penalty struck home for the second equaliser by Andrzej Szarmach.

In the second half a multitude of substitutes took the edge and rythm out of the game, and though World Cup veteran Grzegorz Lato became more and more obviously the best player around, he found little support. Perhaps it would have been different if Zbigniew Boniek hadn't been under suspension after the row with journalists in Holland last year.

As it was Juventus were disappointed. Their spies had hoped to push on with the seemingly impossible dream of persuading the Polish authorities to release Boniek to them years before the normal permits are issued.

APRIL 26

Borovo
Yugoslavia 2 (Mirocevic 32, 70)
Poland 1 (Sybis 30)
HT: 1-1. **Att**: 10,000. **Ref**: Kulti (Hun).

Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Jovin, Zoran Vujovic, Matijevic, Primorac — Krsticevic, Petrovic, Mirocevic — Zlatko Vujovic, Klincarski, Susic.

Poland: Mowlik — Rudy, Dziuba, Zmuda, Janas — Miloszewicz, Lato, Nawalka — Mazur, Szarmach, Sybis.

The Yugoslavs hit back quickly from a goal down to claim their tenth consecutive victory, thanks to the alert finishing of Ante Mirocevic.

Sybis left Jovin standing before putting the Poles in front, but before half-time the Slavs were level and threatening to go clear — one header from raiding full back Primorac was just off target.

Mirocevic hit the winner from 25 yards, Mowlik saved brilliantly from Petrovic and the Slavs had their first win over the Poles for 19 years.

APRIL 29

Malmö
Sweden 1 (Nordgren 24)
Russia 5 (Andreyev 7, 25, Gavrilov 17, Chelevadze 39 pen, Feodorenko 85)
HT: 1-4. **Att**: 10,613. **Ref**: White (Eng).

Sweden: Möller — Arvidsson, Jonsson, Fredriksson (Karlsson), Erlandsson — Holmgren, Linderoth (Ramberg), Nordgren (Baecke), Larsson — Sjoeberg, Nilsson.

Russia: Dassayev — Rodin (Sulakvelidze 60), Khidiatulin, Chivadze, Romantsev, Cherenkov, Bessonov, Gavrilov (Oganessian 55), Shavlo, Andreyev, Chelevadze (Feodorenko 65).

With the Swedes shortly facing a World Cup qualifier with Israel, this could hardly have been a worse result against a team based on the Russian Olympic side. Weak in defence and impotent in attack, the Swedes were three down inside the first half an hour.

A bitter upset for new Swedish boss Lars Arnesson.

APRIL 30

Kosice
Czechoslovakia 1 (Nehoda 73)
Hungary 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Kacprzak (Pol).

Czechoslovakia: Seman — Fiala (Barnos 70), Ondrus, Jurkemik (Vojacek 46), Gögh — Kozak, Panenka, Radimec — Janecka, Nehoda, Masny (Vizek 46).

Hungary: Katzirz — Paroczai, Balint, Garaba, J. Toth — Pal, Nyilasi (Kovacs 65), Zombori — Fazekas, Torocsik, Varadi.

"That just wasn't good enough," said European champions' boss Josef Venglos after this narrow win. The Czechs did see two efforts hit the bar, but neither side really gave the rival defence much of a test.

Both teams had three players shown the yellow card — Ondrus, Kozak and Nehoda for the Czechs, and Zombori, Paroczai and debutant Garaba for the Hungarians — who also welcomed back Tibor Nyilasi in midfield after his six-month retirement.

Dublin
Rep. Ireland 2 (Givens 12, Daly 40)
Switzerland 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Thomas (Wales).

Rep. Ireland: Peyton — Langan, Moran, Lawrenson, Hughton — Daly, Grealish, Waddock — McGee, Givens, Ryan.

Switzerland: Engel — Heina Hermann, Stohler, Coutaz, Bizzini — Barberis, Schnyder (Whrli 46), Botteron, Andrey (Maissen 76) — Pfister, Sulser.

The Irish, even without the Arsenal trio of Brady, Stapleton and O'Leary, were too sharp for England's future World Cup rivals.

Simple goals from Don Givens — heading in Daly's cross — and Daly himself after a Grealish-Ryan move, sealed the result before the interval. In the second half the Swiss played with more purpose, but the nearest they came to a goal was a 69th-minute incident in which Irish newcomer Kevin Moran headed past his own goalkeeper. The 'goal' was disallowed for offside against a Swiss forward.

So stand-in Irish manager, Preston assistant Mike Kelly, started in promising manner in the first game since he succeeded Johnny Giles.

Buenos Aires — (OTHER match)
Argentina XI 1 (Maradona 12)
Lge of Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000.

Argentina XI: Fillol — Olguin, Villaverde (Simon), Van Tuyne, Ocano — Barbas (Fren), Gallego, Maradona — Calderon (Santamaria), Ramon Diaz, Valencia.

Lge of Ireland: Patterson — Gregg, McConville, Dunning (Keily), Lawlor, Nolan, Flanagan, Walsh (Meagan), Minnock (Hulmes), Buckley, Eviston.

Not a full international, even though part of the Argentine press clearly believed this was the full Irish national team.

Argentina nevertheless had tremendous difficulty forcing a way through, and Maradona's goal was about all they were worth after some wretched finishing. The world champions left out a few top men because of injury in their last game before leaving for Europe.

OLYMPIC qualifiers — *European group one:* Apr 13 (Prague): Czechoslovakia 3 (Janecka 19, Vizek 49, Lizka 77), Hungary 2 (Komiati 51, Tatar 83). Czechoslovakia qualified. *Group two:* Apr 3 (Antalia): Turkey 0, Yugoslovai 1 (Repcic 18). Yugoslovia qualified. *Group five:* Apr 23 (Alicante): Spain 3 (Montero 25, Rubio 38 pen., 83 pen.), France 1 (Bellus 75). Spain qualified.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CH'SHIP — *Qtr finals, 1st leg:* Apr 2 (Yerevan): Russia 3 (Susloparov 7, Shengelia 43, Daraselia 44), Italy 1 (Fanna 71). *Qtr finals, 2nd leg:* Apr 4 (Yrbas): Yugoslavia 2 (Pasic, Martinkovic), Czechoslovakia 1 (Janecka pen.), (Yugoslavia 3-2 on agg.). Apr 9 (Bologna): Italy 0, Russia 0 (Russia 3-1 on agg.).)Jena): E. Germany 3, Hungary 0 (E. Germany 3-2 on agg.). *Semi-finals, 1st leg:* Bramall Lane, Sheffield): England 1 (Fashanu 82), E. Germany 2 (Raab 61, Dennstedt 88). Apr 26 (Odessa): Russia 3 (Shengelia, Zhuravlev, Baltacha pen.), Yugoslavia 0. *Semi-finals, 2nd legs:* Apr 23 (Jena): E. Germany 1 (Kreer 53), England 0 (E. Germany 3-1 on agg.). Apr 30 (Subotica): YKugoslavia 0, Russia 1 (Shengelia 71) (Russia 4-0 on agg.). *Final, 1st leg:* May 7 (Rostock): E. Germany 0, Russia 0 (2nd leg, May 21).

OTHER INTERNATIONALS — Apr 2 (Bayreuth): W. Germany B 3 (Martin 39, 46, H. Nickel 62), Austria B 0. Apr 6 (Budapest): Hungary U21 2, Poland U21 0. (Sofia): Bulgaria 4 (Kostatinos 2, Jeliazkov 51, Pevspkov 28), Hungary Olympic 3 (Kozma 44, 46, 72). Apr 15 (Liestal): Switzerland U21 4 (Egli, Weber, Mauron, Kaufmann), Südbaden 1 (Hermann). Apr 16 (E. Berlin): E. Germany Olym. 2, Holland amateurs 1. (Copenhagen): Denmark 2, Malmö FF 1. (Stockholm): Sweden 0, Press Selection 0.

BALKAN CUP FINAL, 1st leg: Apr 6 — Sportul 2, Rijeka 0.

MITROPA CUP — May 10: Red Star 2, Celik 1 — Udinese 2, Debrecen 0.

Final table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Udinese	6	3	2	1	9	4	8
Celik	6	2	2	2	8	6	6
Red Star (Cz)	6	3	0	3	9	8	6
Debrecen	6	0	2	6	1	6	2

LIBERTADORES CUP
South AMerican Club Championship

Group 1
March 25
RIVER PLATE, Argentina (1) 3 (R. Diaz 2, Commiso)
ATLETICO CHALACO, Peru (0) 0.
(Lonardi), Tarantini, J. Lopez, Merlo, Carrasco (Luque), R. Diaz, Alonso, Commisso.

At. Chalaco: Apolinario, Luna, Neyra, Prado, Escobar, Mathias (Castillo), Arizaga (Pozú), Benavidez, Camacho, Duarte, Sierra — sent off 61m.

March 27
VELEZ SARSFIELD; Argentina (3) 5 (J. Sanabria 4, Damiano).
ATLETICO CHALACO, Peru (0) 2 (Portilla, Flores).
Velez Sarsfield: Falcioni, J. Gonzalez, Piazza, Jorge, Bujedo, Quinteros, Rotondi, Ischia (Asad), Castro (Perez), J. Sanabria, Damiano.

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River Plate's Norberto Alonso chased by defenders of Peru's Atletico Chalaco, one of the weakest teams ever to qualify for the Libertadores Cup. The Argentine champions won 3-0 at home.

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At. Chalaco: Apolinario, Luna, Prado, Neyra, Escobar, Benavides, Mathias, Castillo, Pozú, Duarte, Camacho (Portilla).

April 9

SPORTING CRISTAL, Peru (0) 2 (Portilla, Flores).

Velez Sarsfield: Falcioni, J. Gonzalez, Piazza, Jorge, Bujedo, Quinteros, Rotondi, Ischia (Asad), Castro (Perez), J. Sanabria, Damiano.

At. Chalaco: Apolinario, Luna, Prado, Neyra, Escobar, Benavides, Mathias, Castillo, Pozú, Duarte, Camacho (Portilla).

April 9

SPORTING CRISTAL, Peru (0) 0

VELEZ SARSFIELD, Argentina (1) 1 (J. Sanabria).

Sporting Cristal: Quiroga, Soria, Diaz, Chumpitaz, Navarro, Quesada, Chincay, Uribe, Mosquera, Rojas (Ramirez); Oblitas.

Velez Sarsfield: Falcioni, Gonzalez, Piazza, Jorge, Bujedo, Quinteros, Rotondi, Ischia, Castro, J. Sanabria (Da Fonseca), Damiano.

April 15

SPORTING CRISTAL; Peru (0) 1 (Chumpitaz)

RIVER PLATE, Argentina (1) 2 (Luque, R. Diaz).

Sporting Cristal: Quiroga, Soria, Balgorria, Chumpitaz, Navarro, Chincay, Quesada, Uribe, Mosquera, Rojas (Ramirez), Oblitas.

River Plate: Fillol, Saporiti, Lonardi, Passarella, Tarantini, J. Lopez, Carrasco (Alonso), Gonzalez (R. Diaz), Luque, Commisso, Merlo.

April 18

ATLETICO CHALACO, Peru 0

RIVER PLATE, Argentina (2) 2 (Luque, Carrasco).

Atletico Chalaco: Apolinario, Rios, Prado, Neyra, Arizaga, Benavides, Mathias, Castillo (Duarte), Pozú, Portilla, Chamaco.

River Plate: Fillol, Saporiti, Lonardi, Passarella, H. and J. Lopez, Merlo, Commisso, Gonzalez, Carrasco (Alonso), Luque (R. Diaz).

Referee: Carlos Ortiz, Paraguay.

Group 1 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Velez Sarsfield, Argent.	5	4	1	–	10	2	9
River Plate, Argentina	5	4	1	–	10	3	9
Sporting Cristal, Peru	5	–	1	4	3	8	1
Atletico Chalaco, Peru	5	–	1	4	2	12	1

Group 2

April 9

ORIENTE PETROLERO; Bolivia (0) 1 (Saucedo).

THE STRONGEST, Bolivia 0.

NACIONAL, Uruguay (0) 1 (Conde o.g.).

DEFENSOR, Uruguay 0.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Moreira, Blanco, De Leon, Gonzalez, Esparrago, Cabrera (Milar), De La Pena, Biva, Victorino, Morales (Perez).

Defensor: Araujo, Forlan, Conde, Javier, Meroni, Ortiz, Russo, Pua, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Tolosa, Rudy Rodriguez.

April 12

ORIENTE PETROLERO, Bolivia (1) 1 (Huguenot).

NACIONAL, Uruguay (2) 3 (De la Pena 2, Villar (pen.).

Oriente Petrolero: Jorge, Leaos, Espinoza, Campos, Montero, Taritolay, F. Franco, Huguenot, Saucedo, E. franco, Toninho.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Moreira, Blanco, De Leon, Gonzalez, De la Pena, Esparrago, Victorino, Bica, Villar, Morales.

April 13

THE STRONGEST, Bolivia (1) 2 (Mezza, Lattini)

DEFENSOR, Uruguay 0.

April 16

ORIENTE PETROLERO, Bolivia 0.

DEFENSOR, Uruguay (1) 1 (Rudy Rodriguez).

Oriente Petrolero: Jorge, Moro, Espinoza, Campos, Montero, F. Franco, Gonzalez (Farel), Guguenet, Saucedo, Toninho, Gutierrez (E. Franco).

Defensor: Araujo, Forlan, Payovich, Javier, Meroni, Puppo (Gomez), Russo, Pua (J. Ridriguez), Tolosa, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ruddy Rodriguez.

April 17

THE STRONGEST, Bolivia (1) 3 (Lattini, Sandoval, Paniagua).

NACIONAL, Uruguay 0.

The Strongest: Galarza, Trigo, Fontana, Fernandez, Pena, Peckerman, Angulo, Mezza, Paniagua, Lattini, Sandoval.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Moreyra, De Leon, Blanco, Gonzalez, Esparrago, Bica, De la Pena, Victorino, Cabrera, Morales.

Group 2 standings

	P	w	d	l	f	a	Pts
The Strongest, Bolivia	3	2	–	1	5	1	4
Nacional, Uruguay	3	2	–	1	4	4	4
Oriente Petrolero, Bolivia	3	1	–	2	2	4	2
Defensor, Uruguay	3	1	–	2	1	3	2

Group 3

March 23

GALICIA; Venezuela (0) 1 (Leon).

TACHIRA, Venezuela 0.

Galicia: Jimenez, Cecilio, A. Castro, Rios, Acosta, Arias, Leon, Cabral, Febles, Gabby (Martinez), P. Castro (Alves).

Tachira: Griego, Contreras, Betancourt, Jairo, Garcia, Tolisano (Peralta), Marin, Paez (Mendez), Tapia, Roberto Carlos, Ferrari.

VASCO DA GAMA, Brazil 0.

INTERNACIONAL, Brazil 0.

Vasco da Gama: Leao, Paulinho, Pereira, Orlando, Ivan, Marco Antonio, Ze Mario (Paulo Roberto), Pintinho, Guina, Wilsinho, Jorge Mendonca.

Internacional: Gasperin, Joao Carlos, Mauro, Mauro Galvao, Claudio Mineiro, Batista, Jair, Falcao, Mario Sergio, Adavilson, Bira.

April 13

GALICIA, Venezuela 0.

VASCO DA GAMA, Brazil 0.

Galicia: Jimenez, Cecilio, Acosta, Rios, Cabra, Valdivia, Perico Leon, Gabby (Alves), Cabral (Washington), Febles, Martinez.

Vasco da Gama: Leao, Orlando, Ivan, Pintinho, Paulo Cesar, Ze Mario, Guina, Carlos Alberto, Wilsinho, Mendonca (Deicyr), Paulinho (Peribaldo).

TACHIRA, Venezuela 0.

INTERNACIONAL, Brazil (1) 1 (Falcao).

Tachira: Griego, Contreras, Betancourt, Vallarino, Arroyo, Paez, Tolisano, Marin, Roberto Carlos, Ferrari, Mendez.

Internacional: Gasperini, Joao Carlos, Pastor, Mauro Galvao, Claudio Mineiro, Batista, Falcao, Jair, Mario Sergio, Cleo, Bira.

April 16

TACHIRA, Venezuela 0.

VASCO DA GAMA, Brazil (1) 1 (Peribaldo).

Tachira: Griego, Contreras, Alonso, Walter (Garcia), Arroyo, Paez. Tolisano, Marin, Roberto Carlos, Ferari, Mendez.

Vasco da Gama: Mazarapi, Orlando, Argani, Ivan, Orantes, Paulo Cesar, Paulo Roberto, Pineiro, Elcyr (Roberto Pereira), Peribaldo (Paulino), Wilsinho. Sent off: Paez, T., Paulo Cesar (V.).

GALICIA; Venezuela (0) 2 (Febles, Washington).

INTERNACIONAL, Brazil (0) 1 (Carlos Mineiro,

Galicia: Jimenez, Cecilio, Acosta, Rios, Cabra, Leon, Valdivia (Arias), Cabral, Martinez, Febres, Washington.

Internacional: Gasperini, Joao Carlos, Mauro, Mauro Galvao, Claudio Mineiro, Falcao, Cleo, Mario Sergio, Jair, Adavilson, Batista.

April 20

GALICIA, Venezuela (1) 1 (Cabral).

TACHIRA, Venezuela 0.

(Tachira home team).

Galicia: Jimenez, Cecilio, Acosta, Cabra, Rios, Valdivia, Leon, Martinez (Alves), Febles, Cabral, Castro.

Tachira: Griego, contreras, Vallarino, Betancourt, Arroyo, Tolisano, Marin, Tapia (Galilea), Roberto, Ferari, Mendez.

INTERNACIONAL, Brazil (0) 2 (Jair, Cleo).

VASCO DA GAMA, Brazil (0) 1 (Mendonca).

Internacional: Gasperini, Joao Carlos, Mauro, Mauro Galvao, Caludio Mineiro, Batista, Cleo, Falcao,Jair, Bira, Mario Sergio.

Vasco da Gama: Mazarapi, Orlando, Juan, Ivan, Marco Antonio, Dudú, Guina (Mendonca), Paulo Roberto, Catinha, Peribaldo, Wilsinho.

Group 3 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galicia, Venezuela	4	3	1	–	4	1	7
Internacional, Brazil	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Vasco da Gama, Brazil	4	1	2	1	2	4	4
Tachira, Venezuela	4	–	–	4	–	4	–

Group 4

March 23

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA, Ecuador (1) 5 (Polo Carrera, Estupinan, Mantilla, Silva, V: Ron).

EMELEC; Ecuador 0.

Universidad Catolica: Quiroga, Mendez, landeta, F. Carrera, Arias, Silva, P. Carrera, Raffart, Ron, Estupinan, Mantilla.

Emelec: Onzari, Rodriguez, Manzo, Montano, Cedeno, Delgado (Alarcon), Valdez (rodriguez Riolfo), Gomez, Torres, Quinones, Miori.

March 26

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA; Ecuador (0) 1 (arias).

INDEPENDIENTE SANTA FE, Colombia 0.

Universidad Catolica: Quiroga, Mendez, landetta, Carrera (F.), Cajape, Silva, Arias, Mantilla, Ron, Estupinan, Raffart.

Indep. Santa Fe: Minacamacho, Restrep, Pacheco, Gonzalez, Soto, Flotta, Faillace, Garcia, Vasquez, Santeli, Cespedes.

EMELEC, Ecuador 1.

AMERICA, Colombia 2.

March 30

AMERICA, Colombia)1) 1 (Valencia).

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA, Ecuador 0.

America: Quintero, Valencia, Pascutini, Reyes, Chaparro, Quinones, Caicedo, Canon, Bataglia, Caceres (Castr), Ferrin.

Univ. Catolica: Quiroga, Mendez, Landeta, F. Carrera (Andrade), Congote, Silva, Arias, Montilla, Ron (Paez), estupinan, Raffat.

Referee: Claudio Busca, Argentina. Att.: 37,000.

INDEPENDIENTE SANTA FE; Colombia (0) 1 (Santelli).

EMELEC, Ecuador (2) 2 (Torres Garces, Rodriguez Riolfo).

Indep. Santa Fe: Minacacamacho, Mideros, Garcia, Pacheco, Restrepo, Faillace, Flotta, Cespedes, Vasquez, Santelli, Sanchez.

Emelec: Onzari, M. Rodriguez, Montano, Manzo, Cedeno, Rodriguez Riolfo, Perlaza (Valdez), Torres Garces, Gomez, Alarcon, Miori.

April 2

INDEPENDIENTE SANTA FE, Colombia 1.

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA, Ecuador 0.

AMERICA, Colombia (0) 4 (Penagos 3, Pasacuttini pen.).

EMELEC, Ecuador (0) 1 (Quinones).

Group 4 Final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America, Colombia	6	4	1	1	11	7	9
Univ. Catolica, Ecuador	6	3	–	3	10	5	6
Indep. Santa Fe, Colombia	6	2	1	3	5	5	5
Emelec, Ecuador	6	2	–	4	5	14	4

Group 5

March 19

COLO COLO, Chile (0) 1 (rivas pen.).

O'HIGGINS, Chile (1) 1 (nunez).

Colo Colo: Osben, Galindo, L. Herrera (Veliz), A. Herrera, Diaz, Rivas, Inostroza, Vasconcelos, Ponce, Caszely, Orellana.

O'Higgins: Leyes, Droguett, Gatica, Gallardo, Serrano, Quiroz, O. Vargas, Neira, Nunez (Burgos), J. Vargas, Olivera.

March 21

SOL DE AMERICA, Paraguay 2.

CERRO PORTENO, Paraguay1.

March 25

SOL DE AMERICA, Paraguay (0) 1 (Fernandez pen.).

O'HIGGINS, Chile (3) 4 Copa, Neira, Nunez, Oliveras).

Sol de America: Bernal, Medina, Farina, Torres, Espinola,Farias, Mino, Rivera, Isasi, Acosta, Fernandez.

O'Higgins: Leyes, Droguett, O. Vargas, Gatica, Serrano, Copa, Gallardo, Neira, Nunez, J. Vargas, Olivera.

Referee: Arturo Ithurralde.

March 28

CERRO PORTENO, Paraguay (0) 1 (Insfran).

O'HIGGINS, Chile 0.

Cerro Porteno: R. Fernandez, Gonzalez, Ovelar, Cibils, Rivas Chena, Osorio, Florentin, Cabanas, I. Fernandez, Insfran, Espinola.

O'Higgins: Leyes, Droguett, Gatica, O. Vargas, Serrano, Gallardo, Copa, Neyra, Nunez, J. Vargas, Olivera.

April 8

CERRO PORTENO, Paraguay (2) 5 Cabanas 3, Florentin, Gamarra).

COLO COLO, Chile (1) 3 Caszeli, Vasconcellos 2).

Cerro Porteno: R. Fernandez, Gonzalez, Cibils, Ovelar, Rivas Chena, osorio, Florentin, Cabanas (Mariano), I. Frnandez, Insfran, Espinola (Gamarra). L. Herrera, Diaz, Inostroza, Vasconcelos, Rivas (Armeno), Ponce, Caszely, Veliz.

April 11

SOL DE AMERICA, Paraguay (1) 2 (Isasi 2).

COLO COLO, CHile (1) 1 (Vasconcellos).

Sol de America: Battaglia, Medina, Torres, Farina, Cardoso, FCarias, Mino, Caceres, Benitez, Isasi, Fernandez.

Colo Colo: Osben, Rodriguez, L. and A. Herrera, Diaz, Ormeno, Inostrosa, Vasconcellos, Ponce, Cazsely, Orellana.

Referee: Cesar Coelho, Brazil. Att.: 5,000.

April 16

COLO COLO, Chile (1) 3 (L. Herrera, Cazsely, Vasconcellos).

O'HIGGINS, Chile (0) 1 (Neira Pen.).

(O'Higgins at home).

O'Higgins: Leyes, Froguett, O. Vargas, Gatica, Serrano, Acosta, Neira, Quiroz, Nunez, J. Vargas, Olivera.

Colo Colo: Osben, Rodriguez, A. and L. Herrera, Diaz, Inostroza, Ormeno, Vasconcellos, Ponce, Cazsely, Miranda.

CERRO PORTENO; Paraguay 0.

SOL DE AMERICA, Paraguay 0.

Cerro Porteno: R. Fernandez, Gonzalez, Cibils, Ovelar, Rivas, Chena, Osorio, Florentin, Cabanas, I. Fernandez, Insfran, C. Espinola (Gamarra).

Sol de America: Battaglia, Medina, Torres, Farina, Cardozo, Farias, Mino, Caceres (S. Espinola), Benitez, Isasi, N. Fernandez.

Group 5 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sol de America, Paraguay	4	2	1	1	5	6	5
Cerro Porteno, Paraguay	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Colo Colo, Chile	4	2	1	1	7	5	3
O'Higgins, Chile	4	1	1	2	6	6	3

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS: Colo Colo, Chile 3, Arentinos Juniors, Argentina 2 (Mar. 12); Santos, Brazil 1, New York Cosmos, US 2 (Mar. 14); Cipolletti, Argentina 1, New York Cosmos USa 1 (Mar. 18); Argentinos Juniors, Argentina 1, New York Cosmos USA 2 (Mar. 21); Alianza Lima, Peru 1, Olimpia, Paraguay 3 (Mar. 25); Universitario de Deportes, Peru 2, Olimpia, paraguay 2 (Mar. 27); Universidad de Nuevo Leon, Mexico 2, New York Cosmos, USA 1 (Mar. 27); Deportivo Cali, Colombia 2, Olimpia, Paraguay 1 (Mar. 27); Millionarios, Colombia 3, Olimpia, Paraguay 2 (Mar. 30); Penarol, Uruguay 4, Olimpia, Paraguay 2 (Apr. 16).

OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONALS: Mexico under-23 select. 4, Olimpia, Paraguay 2 (Feb. 21).

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: *Central American Zone:* USA 1, Costa Rica 1 (Mar. 27); Surinam 2, Costa Rica 3 (apr. 1: USA qualify for Moscow finals.

Velez Sarsfield's Jorge Sanabria — leading scorer in the Libertadores Cup preliminary group after getting four (three headers) against Peru's Atletico Chalaco in the 5-2 victory.

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EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo Dresden	23	19	1	3	59	20	39
Dynamo Berlin	23	17	3	3	61	14	37
Lokomotiv. Leipzig	23	11	5	7	47	28	27
Carl Zeiss	23	11	5	7	35	22	27
I.FC Magdeburg	23	11	5	7	38	30	27
Chemi Halle	23	11	4	8	33	30	26
Vorvärts	23	10	6	7	35	36	26
Schenring	23	8	4	11	22	36	20
Karl-Marx-Stadt	23	6	6	11	24	36	18
Rot-Weiss Erfrut	23	6	5	12	30	32	17
Wismuth	23	6	4	13	22	36	16
Stahl	23	3	10	10	15	48	16
Union	23	5	4	14	15	35	14
Chemie Leipzig	23	4	6	13	21	52	14

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Szombierki	21	13	3	5	34	14	29
Slask	21	11	3	7	23	16	25
Gurnik	21	8	8	5	29	24	24
Wisla	21	10	3	8	35	26	23
LKS	20	8	7	5	31	30	23
Legia	20	8	7	5	24	23	23
Widzew	21	7	8	6	23	25	22
Odra	21	7	8	6	13	16	22
Zaglebie	21	8	4	9	30	27	20
Arka	21	8	4	9	23	23	20
Lech	21	9	2	10	27	29	20
Ruch	21	7	5	9	26	28	19
Stal	21	5	9	7	19	22	19
Polonia	21	3	9	9	21	26	15
Katowice	21	5	5	11	22	30	15
Zawisza	21	4	7	10	22	37	15

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Banik	26	16	6	4	45	20	38
Spartak Brno	27	14	6	7	54	35	34
Inter Bratislava	27	11	9	7	30	18	31
Bohemians	26	12	7	7	30	26	31
Nitra	27	14	2	11	48	40	30
Sparta	27	10	9	8	37	37	29
Dukla	26	13	2	11	45	23	28
Lokomotiva	27	11	6	10	37	29	28
Spartak Trnava	27	9	9	9	26	31	27
Slavia	27	11	4	12	38	38	26
ZTS Kosice	27	11	3	14	33	40	25
Slovan Bratislava	27	9	6	12	27	34	24
Ban. Bystrica	27	10	4	13	27	36	24
Ruda Hvezda Cheb	26	6	9	11	32	42	21
Jednota Trencin	27	7	4	16	23	55	18
Plzen	27	4	8	15	23	41	16

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	24	14	5	5	37	19	33
Hajduk	24	12	7	5	34	25	31
Sarajevo	24	12	6	6	34	23	30
Radnicki	24	10	8	6	29	18	28
Napredak	24	10	8	6	30	21	28
Partizan	24	9	8	7	27	27	26
Velez	24	9	6	9	35	29	24
Vardar	24	7	10	7	29	28	24
Budućnost	24	8	7	9	23	22	23
Sloboda	24	8	7	9	32	29	23
Dynamo	24	6	10	8	29	29	22
Olympia	24	8	6	10	22	27	22
Zeljeznicar	24	6	10	8	28	35	22
Rijeka	24	8	6	10	24	34	22
Osijek	24	6	8	10	18	24	20
Borac	24	6	8	10	24	34	20
Celik	24	5	8	11	19	28	18
Vojvodina	24	6	4	14	23	45	16

ALBANIA
Final standing 1979/80

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo	26	14	9	3	41	23	37
17th Nendori	26	11	10	5	33	27	32
Vlaznia	26	12	7	7	37	26	31
Partizani	26	9	11	6	45	30	29
Fljamutari	26	10	9	7	30	28	29
Skenderbeu	26	9	10	7	27	24	28
Ljuftetari	26	11	5	10	39	35	27
Lokomotiva	26	8	11	7	29	28	27
Ljabinoti	26	7	12	7	28	27	26
Besa	26	9	8	9	27	29	26
Naftetari	26	9	6	11	29	39	24
Tomori	26	7	9	10	28	19	23
Shkendia	26	6	7	13	18	28	19
Appolonia	26	0	5	21	14	52	5

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathenaicos	31	14	14	3	34	19	42
Olympiacos	31	17	7	7	44	20	41
AEK	31	17	7	7	57	35	41
Aris	31	16	9	6	38	20	41
PAOK	31	16	6	9	51	30	38
Ethnikos	31	13	10	8	42	23	36
Ionnina	31	12	7	12	46	44	31
Larisa	31	12	7	12	28	39	31
Heracles	31	12	6	13	42	33	30
OFI	31	11	7	13	34	41	29
Korinthos	31	12	5	14	33	44	29
Doxa	31	8	11	12	29	33	27
Panionios	31	9	9	12	33	41	27
Panhanaiki	31	7	13	11	36	44	27
Kastoria	31	8	9	14	28	36	25
Kavala	31	9	7	15	24	43	25
Appolon	31	4	11	16	13	37	19
Rodos	31	5	9	17	25	56	19

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univer. Craiova	30	16	8	6	61	26	40
Steaua	30	14	10	6	63	37	38
Arges	30	16	5	9	50	34	37
Baia Mare	30	16	3	11	52	45	35
Sportul Stud	30	14	5	11	38	27	33
Bacau	30	10	11	9	37	44	31
Dynamo	30	11	8	11	43	35	30
Politeh. Iasi	30	14	2	14	40	40	30
Chimnia	30	13	4	13	38	46	30
Galati	30	11	8	11	41	51	30
Politeh, Temisoar	30	13	3	14	43	38	29
OLT	30	13	3	14	41	44	29
Juil	30	11	7	12	22	34	29
Universit. Cluj	30	12	3	15	36	38	27
ASA	30	11	5	14	34	42	27
Trgoviste	30	10	7	13	38	47	27
Olympia	30	8	8	14	29	46	24
Gloria	30	4	6	20	21	53	14

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CSKA	23	15	7	1	46	24	37
Slavia	23	15	3	5	50	19	33
Levski	23	12	5	6	35	28	29
Trakia	23	12	3	8	28	26	27
Beroe	23	10	5	8	40	30	25
Marek	23	9	5	9	38	35	23
Crno More	23	7	9	7	24	24	23
Sliven	23	7	8	8	22	25	22
Lokomotiva Sofija	23	6	9	8	26	33	21
Minior	23	9	3	11	20	33	21
Crnomorec	23	9	2	12	28	32	20
Pirin	23	8	4	11	24	28	20
Botev	23	7	5	11	26	32	19
Spartak Plevdiv	23	6	7	10	21	31	19
Lokomot. Plovdiv	23	4	8	11	23	41	16
Etur	23	4	5	14	24	34	13

ECUADOR: Division A Championship

1. Liga Deportiva Universitario Quito played 4-6 pts., Tecnico Universitario 5-6, Barcelona 5-6; 4. Deportivo Cuenca 5-5; 5. Nacional 3-4, America de Quito 4-4, Everest Guayaquil 4-4; 8. Manta 4-2; 9. Universidad Catolica 2-1; 10. Emelec 2-0. Division B leaders: Deportivo Quevedo 9 pts, Aucas de Quito 7.

MEXICO: First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atlante	30	18	6	6	54	29	42
Cruz Azul	30	14	13	3	55	29	40
Monterrey	30	8	11	11	33	40	27
Puebla	30	9	8	13	45	49	26
Jalisco	30	6	10	14	32	52	22

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Un Autonoma de Mexico	30	12	11	7	51	44	35
Tampico	30	11	9	10	53	50	31
Guadalajara	30	9	11	10	36	3	29
Atletico Potosi	30	8	10	12	29	39	26
Curtidores	30	7	5	18	30	45	19

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	30	19	8	3	54	25	46
Neza	30	11	15	4	46	31	37
Toluca	30	11	11	8	34	31	33
Un de Guadalajara	30	7	11	12	30	39	25
Leon	30	6	9	15	29	49	21

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zacatepec	30	11	11	8	54	40	33
Un. de Nuevo Leon	30	11	11	8	54	47	33
Un Autonoma Guadalajara	30	9	10	11	39	50	28
Atletico Espanol	30	9	6	15	28	43	24
Atlas	30	7	8	15	35	56	22

VENEZUELA: Venezuela Cup

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italia	7	5	0	2	8	5	10
Galicia	7	3	2	2	11	6	8
Valencia	5	3	2	0	5	1	8
Falcon	6	2	0	4	7	12	4

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zamora	7	3	3	1	7	5	9
Tachira	8	2	4	2	5	7	8
Univ. de Los Andes	6	3	1	2	7	4	7
Lara	7	3	1	3	7	5	7
Estudiantes	8	1	4	3	6	8	6
Portuguesa	6	2	1	3	5	6	5

COLOMBIA
Professional League
Opening Tournament

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nacional	74	2	1	7	6	10	
Pereira	8	2	5	1	11	7	9
Deportivo Cali	7	3	3	1	11	8	9
Baranquilla Junior	7	3	3	1	6	3	9
Caldas	7	3	2	2	8	7	8
Medellin	7	3	2	2	10	9	8
Quindio	8	2	4	2	4	4	8
Millionarios Bogotá	7	2	3	2	11	9	7
Union Magdalena	8	2	2	4	3	9	6
Bucaramanga	8	1	4	3	9	12	6
Indep. Santa Fe	6	2	2	2	5	6	6
America Cali	5	2	1	2	12	7	5
Tolima	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Cucuta	8	1	1	6	3	11	3

ARGENTINA: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	13	6	5	2	24	14	17
Newell's Old Boys	12	6	4	2	22	6	16
Independiente	13	6	4	3	26	19	16
Argentinos Juniors	12	5	5	2	23	16	15
Talleres Cordoba	13	4	7	2	18	14	15
Platense	13	4	7	2	9	9	15
Estudiantes de La Plata	12	3	7	2	14	12	13
Huracan	12	4	5	3	22	21	13
Racing Club	13	4	5	4	13	14	13
Velez Sarsfield	12	5	2	5	14	17	12
Union de Santa Fe	12	4	3	5	20	20	11
Colon de Santa Fe	12	2	7	3	12	12	11
FC Oeste	12	4	3	5	19	20	11
Rosario Central	12	4	3	5	13	17	11
Tigre	13	3	5	5	18	22	11
Quiles	12	1	8	3	14	17	10
San Lorenzo	12	3	3	6	11	18	9
Boca Juniors	12	3	2	7	13	28	8
All Boys	12	1	5	6	10	19	7

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him without disrupting the team that had looked so jaded in League games wasn't going to be easy.

McNeill went for reserve Jim Casey, but he had to put on his thinking cap again when the player was injured in training and had to withdraw! Who could have blamed McNeill for reaching for the cyanide pills at that particular time!

Changing the team around, he brought in young Michael Conroy to play alongside Aitken and, in true storybook fashion, the Parkhead babe was a giant in the Cup Final.

He covered well at the back and although his heading ability is a bit suspect he did enough to lock out big Derek Johnstone and with that went Rangers' main goal threat.

I thought Johnstone was desperately unlucky in the second-half when he connected with an acrobatic diving header from a wonderfully accurate right-wing cross from Sandy Jardine, but his flashing effort zipped just over the crossbar. It was only the second time Peter Latchford had looked uncomfortable all day.

The other occasion was a long, drooping ball that enticed him to come too far off his line and he missed his punch while challenged by Johnstone. The ball bounced dangerously close to the line and Davie Provan — of all people! — headed away!

I've never hidden my admiration of Provan and I'm certainly not going to start now. He was immense at Hampden, covering every inch of the turf. I know that's a well-worn cliché, but in Provan's case, I fully believe it to be accurate.

I saw him taking on defenders on both wings, supporting McCluskey and McGarvey in the middle, teaming up with Tommy Burns and Murdo MacLeod to get things ticking over in midfield and defending whenever Ranger's forwards came into the danger zone.

Danny McGrain, I hope, won't mind me saying I thought Provan was the Man of the Match. His display was immaculate and his running was thoroughly unselfish.

I watched Mario Kempes, acknowledged world superstar, in the European Cup Winners Cup Final against Arsenal, and he never came anywhere near Provan's work-rate, while the Celt was just as positive as the Argentinian when it came to attacking moves.

Celtic were desperate to win the Cup to give their fans something to sing about and, to be honest, it would have been a shame if the Parkhead men had completed this season with nothing to show for their efforts.

They came so close to beating Real Madrid in their European Cup quarter-final tie, losing 3-0 in Spain after winning 2-0 in Glasgow, and it was difficult for the Celts to pick up the thread of their game after that let-down.

It got through to some of their younger players and some of the polish went off the game they had worked hard to establish earlier in the season. They were seven points ahead of Aberdeen at one stage and allowed their lead to dissolve as their fans watched in despair.

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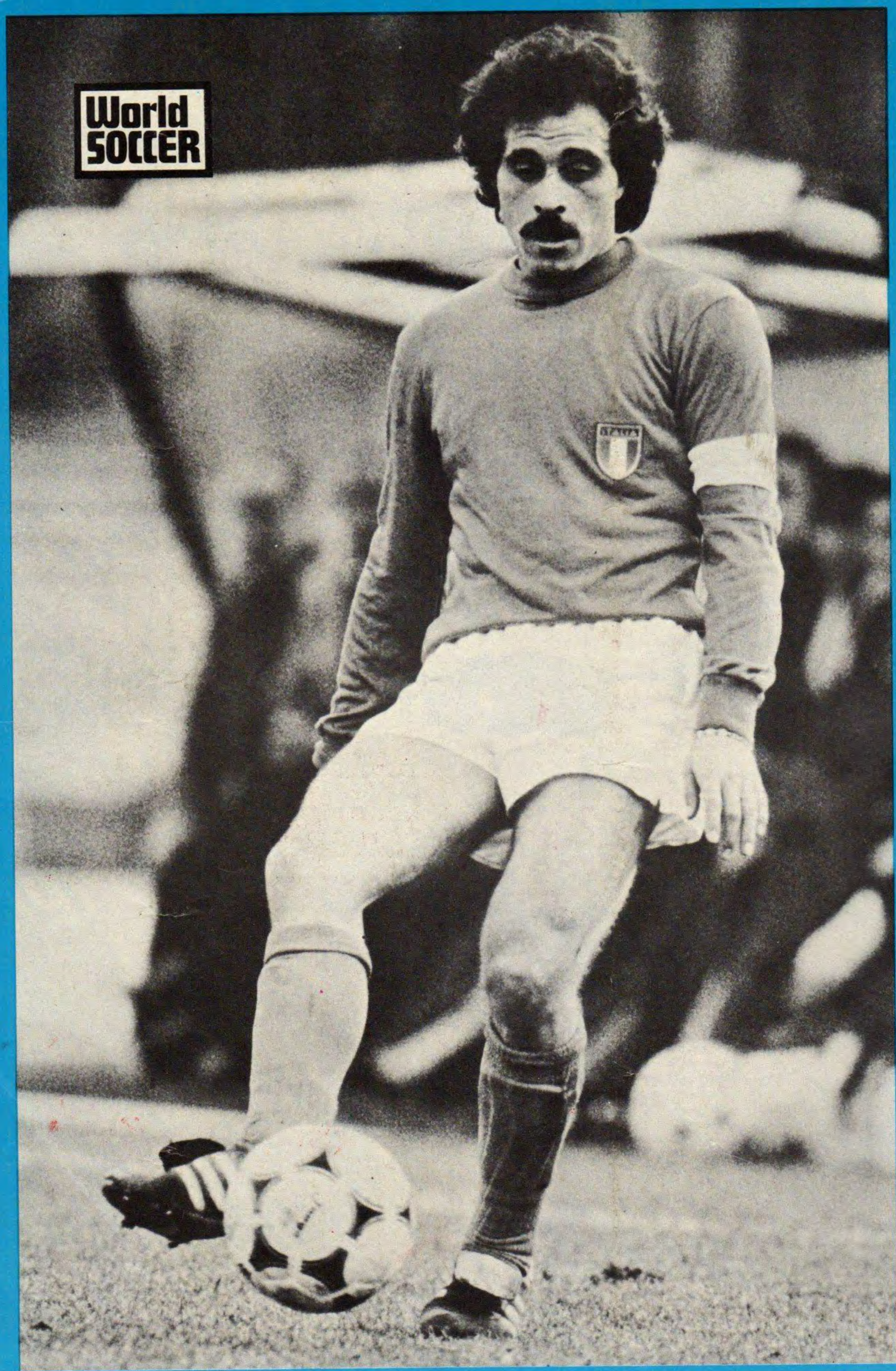

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